

LAKE AND PENINSULA SCHOOL DISTRICT/SERIES 5000 - STUDENTS

ADMISSION

BP 5111

Note: Pursuant to [4 AAC 06.060](#), authority to deny admission to a student is vested with the School Board. The following **sample policy** authorizes the Superintendent or designee to deny admission to children who don't meet established entrance requirements.

The School Board believes that all children should have the opportunity to receive a free appropriate public education. Staff shall encourage parents/guardians to enroll all school-aged children in school.

The School Board reserves the right to verify the residency or anticipated residency of any student and the validity of any affidavit of guardianship. These admission policies are not intended to be a barrier to the enrollment and retention of homeless children and youth.

The Superintendent or designee shall verify compliance with all entrance requirements established by law or School Board policy.

(cf. 5112.6 - Education for Homeless Children and Youths Children in Foster Care)

(cf. 5112.1 - Exemptions from Attendance)

(cf. 5112.2 - Exclusions from Attendance)

(cf. 5116 - School Attendance Boundaries)

(cf. 5117 - Interdistrict Attendance)

(cf. 5141.3 - Health Examinations)

(cf. 5141.31 - Immunizations)

Note: A child who is six years of age on or before September 1 following the beginning of the school year, and who is under the age of 20 and has not completed the 12th grade, is of school age. [AS 14.03.070](#). The school year begins on July 1 and ends June 30. ~~Under regulations passed by the Department of Education and Early Development in 2000, a child is not considered to have completed the 12th grade unless the child has passed the high school graduation qualifying exam, even if the child has met all other graduation requirements.~~ [4 AAC 06.076](#). Pursuant to [AS 14.03.080](#), the School Board may admit children under school age who meet School Board standards of mental, physical, and emotional capacity necessary to perform satisfactorily in school. In 2003, the legislature amended the early entrance statute for the purpose of clarifying that two-year kindergarten programs are not authorized. Districts with early entry into kindergarten must have an educational program prescribing that under school age students advance through the curriculum or grade level by the following school year. This is a programmatic requirement and is not meant to limit individualized student assessment. In 2004, the early entrance statute was again amended to provide School Boards with the option of delegating early entrance decisions to the Superintendent or designee. The School Board may establish a kindergarten class for children who are five on or before September 1 following the beginning of the school year; must admit children under school age who move into the district and who were previously enrolled in public school in another district or state; and may admit students over school age and charge them tuition.

A child five years of age on or before September 1 may be admitted to kindergarten. ~~A child six years of age on or before September 1 may be admitted to first grade.~~ The School Board authorizes the admission of students under school age who are at least four years of age at the beginning of the school year, provided they exhibit the ability mental, physical, and emotional capacity to perform satisfactorily, including advancement through the curriculum or grade level by the following year. The Superintendent or designee is delegated authority to make early-entrance determinations. Students under school age who were previously enrolled in public school shall be admitted to school at the grade level determined by the Superintendent or designee.

Students subject to suspension or expulsion under AS 13.03.160 in the District or another district are not guaranteed admission.

Legal Reference:

ALASKA STATUTES

14.30.010 When attendance compulsory

14.03.020 School year

14.03.070 School age

14.03.080 Right to attend school

14.30.045 Grounds for suspension or denial of admission

14.03.160 Suspension or expulsion of students for possessing weapons

ALASKA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE

4 AAC 06.055 Immunizations required

UNITED STATES CODE

42 U.S.C. 11432 - 11433 McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act

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Lake and Peninsula School District
