

ENTRANCE AGE

The Board of Education shall establish student entrance age requirements which are consistent with Illinois Law and sound educational practice and which ensure equitable treatment.

Compulsory school age in the State of Illinois is ~~seven (7)~~ **six (6)** years of age. Any adult who has custody or control of a child reaching the age of ~~seven (7)~~ **six (6)** must ensure that the child is enrolled in school.

A. Kindergarten

A child is eligible for entrance into kindergarten if s/he attains the age of five (5) on or before September 1st of the year in which s/he applies for entrance and meets residence requirements. The child may not be placed in an alternative program without permission of the parent.

The Board, based on an assessment of the child's readiness to attend school, may admit a child who is not five (5) years of age on or before September 1st.

B. First Grade

The Board, based upon an assessment of a child's readiness, may admit to first grade any child who has not attained the age of six (6) by September 1st but who has attended a non-public preschool and continued his/her education at that school through kindergarten, was taught by an appropriately certified teacher, and will attain the age of six (6) years on or before December 31st of the school term.

The Superintendent will develop administrative guidelines to implement this policy.

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