

ADMISSION

BP 5111(a)

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 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.

A child five years of age on or before September 1 may be admitted to kindergarten. 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 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

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4 AAC 06.055 Immunizations required

UNITED STATES CODE

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

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