## **BOARD POLICY**

## STUDENTS MAY 16, 2016 COMPULSORY ATTENDANCE AGES AND PLACEMENT OF STUDENTS ENROLLING TRANSFERRING INTO LIVONIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

The law in Michigan governing compulsory attendance requires a parent, legal guardian, or other person having control of a child age six to sixteen to send the child to school during the entire school year, except under limited circumstances specified in the Revised School Code, subsection (3) of subsection 380.1561. A child who was age eleven on or after December 1, 2009 or later shall attend school from age six to eighteen.

Children becoming six (6) years of age before December 1 shall be enrolled on the first day of the school year in which their sixth birthday occurs. A child becoming six (6) years of age on or after December 1 shall be enrolled on the first school day of the school year following the child's sixth birthday.

Students who enroll into Livonia Public Schools should customarily be placed in the grade assigned by the previous school. Children who have completed kindergarten in another system but who are of LPS kindergarten age will be initially enrolled in kindergarten. Adjustments may be made in grade placement when warranted by performance in our school setting.

If a grade level is impossible to determine, the student should usually be assigned to an ageappropriate grade level. The building principal has the discretion to place individual students at the most appropriate grade level.

A child who resides in the School District may enroll in kindergarten if the child is at least five years of age on September 1 of the school year of enrollment, as set by the State of Michigan.

If a child residing in the School District is not five years of age on September 1, but will be five years of age not later than December 1 of a school year, the parent or legal guardian of that child may enroll the child in kindergarten for that school year if the parent or legal guardian notifies the School District in writing that he or she intends to enroll the child in kindergarten for that school year. After receiving this notification, the School District may make a recommendation to the parent or legal guardian of the child that the child is not ready to enroll in kindergarten due to the child's age or other factors. However, regardless of this recommendation, the parent or legal guardian retains the sole discretion to determine whether or not to enroll the child in kindergarten.

## **Special Education Students**

Special education programs and services are provided to eligible students from birth to age 26.

LEGAL REF.: MCL 380.1561