

BP 5111 ADMISSION

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 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 Board policy.

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

(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 Board may admit children under school age who meet 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. The 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 Board authorizes the admission of students under school age who exhibit the ability to perform satisfactorily, including advancement through the curriculum or grade level by the following year. The Superintendent 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. ([AS 14.03.080](#))

Legal References:

ALASKA STATUTES

[14.30.010](#) When attendance compulsory

[14.03.020](#) School year

[14.03.070](#) School age

[14.03.080](#) Free education

[14.30.045](#) Grounds for suspension or denial of admission

ALASKA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE

[4 AAC 06.055](#) Immunizations required

[4 AAC 07.076](#) Determination of School Age

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 42

[42 U.S.C. 11432 - 11433](#) McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act

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