

Descriptor Term: ADMISSION OF RESIDENT STUDENTS	Descriptor: JFAA	Issued: Draft
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Admission requirements for enrollment in the Tupelo Public School District include the following:

Initial Enrollment

1. Evidence of the age of the child.
 - a. A valid birth certificate or certified copy thereof; if not available, the next evidence of the age of the child obtainable in the following order shall be accepted:
 - b. A duly attested transcript of a certificate of baptism showing the date of birth and place of baptism of the child, accompanied by an affidavit sworn to by a parent, grandparent or custodian;
 - c. An insurance policy on the child's life which has been in force for at least two years;
 - d. A bona fide contemporary Bible record of the child's birth accompanied by an affidavit sworn to by the parent, grandparent or custodian;
 - e. A passport or certificate of arrival in the United States showing the age of the child;
 - f. A transcript of record of age shown in the child's school record of at least four years prior to application, stating date of birth; or
 - g. If none of these evidences can be produced, an affidavit of age sworn to by a parent, grandparent or custodian.
2. Verification of required inoculations.
3. Completion of necessary student information documents.
4. Attainment of the age of **five years on or before September 1 of the current school year for kindergarten, or** six years on or before September 1 of the current school year **for first grade.**
5. Proof of residency within the District.

Transfer Student

1. Receipt of ~~official transcript~~ **cumulative record** from the last school attended.
2. Proof of residency within the District.
3. Completion of necessary student information documents.

Parents, **legal guardian, or legal custodian** ~~guardians~~ must accompany a **minor** child seeking enrollment ~~student enrolling~~ in the District for the first time.

In the event that any student, even though legally transferred or otherwise entitled to attend school in the District, who is under expulsion from another school district should seek enrollment, the Board may request a written report from the expelling school district and review the case and conditions under which the student was expelled. The Board may conduct a hearing or appoint a hearing officer for the purpose of considering the reasons for expulsion of the student, and may refuse to enroll a student under expulsion from another school district when such reason for expulsion is deemed to be for sufficient and good cause.

The immigrant status and/or English speaking status of a student cannot prohibit him/her from enrolling in the Tupelo Public School District.

Legal Reference: MCA §§ 37-15-1, **37-15-9, 37-15-11**