

School Age

The services of this public school district are extended to any acceptable person of school age. “School age” is defined as including all person(s) resident of the state, between the ages of five (5) and twenty-one (21) years.

~~No pupil may be enrolled in the kindergarten or first grade whose fifth or sixth birthday respectively does not occur on or before the first day of September of the school year in which the child registers to enter school. Any child of the age of five years who has completed a private or public out-of-state kindergarten for the required 450 hours but has not reached the age and date requirements set above shall be allowed to enter the first grade~~

For the purposes of this policy, the age of five (5) years shall be attained when the fifth anniversary of birth occurs on or before the first day of September of the school year in which the child is to enroll in kindergarten. For a child enrolling in the first grade, the age of six (6) must be reached on or before the first day of September of the school year in which the child is to enroll. Any child of the age of five (5) years who has completed a private or public out-of-state kindergarten for the required four hundred fifty (450) hours but has not reached the “school age” requirement in Idaho shall be allowed to enter the first grade.

For resident children with disabilities who qualify for special education and related services under the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) and subsequent amendments thereto, and applicable state and federal regulations, “school age” shall begin at the attainment of age three (3) and shall continue through the semester of school in which the student attains the age of twenty-one (21).

Students who are enrolled initially as “school age” and who reach the age of twenty-one (21) prior to graduation, may continue to be enrolled as long as they graduate prior to the age of twenty-two (22) upon approval from the Board of Trustees.

The Board of Trustees may exclude from school any pupils who are not of “school age”.

Students who are eighteen (18) years of age or older will be deemed “students of legal age” and will have the legal capacity and responsibility to act as such. Students of legal age, like all other students, will comply with the rules established by the District and submit to the authority of teachers and other staff members as required by policy and state law.

Initial Enrollment

Immunization records or an appropriate waiver and birth certificate are required for admission to all District schools (subject to provisions of McKinney Homeless Assistance Act).

If a birth certificate is not provided upon enrollment of a student for the first time in elementary or secondary school, the District shall notify the person enrolling the student in writing that he must provide within 30 days either a certified copy of the student's birth certificate or other reliable proof of the student's identity and birth date, which proof shall be accompanied by an affidavit explaining the inability to produce a copy of the birth certificate. Other reliable proof of the student's identity and birth date may include a passport, visa, or other governmental documentation of the child's identity. If the person enrolling a student fails to provide the information within the requested 30 days, the District shall immediately notify the local law enforcement agency of such failure and again notify the person enrolling the student, in writing, that he has an additional ten days to comply. If any documentation or affidavit received pursuant to this section appears inaccurate or suspicious in form or content, the District shall immediately report the same to the local law enforcement agency. Local law enforcement will investigate these reports. Failure of a parent, or person in custody of a child, or a person enrolling a student, to comply with the documentation requirements of this section after a lawful request shall constitute a misdemeanor.

A student transferring schools within the District need not provide proof of identity and birth date if the student's record already contains such verified information.

Placement

The goal of the District shall be to place students at levels and in settings that will enhance the probability of student success. Developmental testing together with other relevant criteria, including but not limited to health, maturity, emotional stability, and developmental disabilities, may be considered in the placement of all students. Final disposition of all placement decisions rests with the principal, subject to review by the Superintendent and the Board.

Transfer

District policies regulating pupil enrollment from other accredited elementary and secondary schools are designed to protect the educational welfare of the child and of other children enrolled in the District.

Elementary Grades (K-8): Any student transferring into the District will be admitted and placed on a probationary basis for a period of two weeks.

Should any doubt exist with teacher and/or principal as to grade and level placement of the student, the student shall be subject to an educational assessment to determine appropriate grade and level placement.

During the two-week probationary period, the student will be subject to observation by the teacher and building principal.

Secondary Grades (9-12), Credit Transfer: Requests for transfer of credits from any secondary school shall be subject to a satisfactory examination of the following:

1. Appropriate certificates of accreditation;
2. Length of course, school day, and school year;
3. Content of applicable courses;
4. The school facility as it relates to credit earned (i.e., lab areas for appropriate science or vocational instruction);
5. An appropriate evaluation of student performance leading toward credit issuance; and
6. Final approval of transfer credits will be determined by the high school principal, subject to review upon approval by the Superintendent and Board of Trustees.

Transfer from Persistently Dangerous Schools

If any school within the District is found to be persistently dangerous in accordance with federal law, students attending the school shall be permitted to transfer to another traditional or charter school within the District which is not persistently dangerous and which is meeting annual yearly progress requirements. The transfer may be either permanent or temporary and lasting until the school of origin is no longer designated as persistently dangerous. Parents or guardians of students shall be notified that the school has been designated as persistently dangerous within ten days of being so designated. Within 20 days of receiving such notification, students may be transferred to another school within the District.

Any student who is the victim of a violent criminal offense on school grounds shall be permitted to transfer to another school within the District.

Cross Reference: 3060 Education of Homeless Children
4160 Notice to Parents Required by No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 Parents Right-to-Know Notices

Legal Reference: Art. IX, § 9, Idaho Constitution- Compulsory Attendance at School
I.C. § 18-4511 School Duties—Records of Missing Child—Identification
Upon Enrollment—Transfer of Student Records
I.C. § 33-201 School Age
I.C. § 33-209 Transfer of Student Records – Duties
I.C. § 39-4801 Immunization required
I.C. § 39-4802 Exemptions
20 U.S.C. § 7912 Unsafe School Choice
20 USC § 6313 Eligible School Attendance Areas
42 USC § 11432 Education of Homeless Children and Youths

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LEGAL REFERENCE: Idaho Code § 33-201; 33-512

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