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## 5112 - **ENTRANCE AGE**

The Board shall establish student entrance age requirements which are consistent with Wisconsin Law and sound educational practice and which ensure equitable treatment.

### **A. Kindergarten**

1. A child is eligible for entrance into four (4) year old kindergarten if s/he attains the age of four (4) on or before September 1<sup>st</sup> of the year in which s/he applies for entrance and meets the residency requirements.
2. A child is eligible for five (5) year old kindergarten when s/he attains the age of five (5) on or before September 1<sup>st</sup> of the year in which s/he applies for entrance and meets the residency requirements. The child may not be placed in an alternative program without the permission of the parent.

### **B. First Grade**

A child must be six (6) years of age on or before September 1<sup>st</sup> in the year in which s/he enrolls. A student must have completed a kindergarten program or must receive a waiver of this requirement.

Any student who has not completed a five (5) year old kindergarten program, but seeks to enroll into first grade must receive a waiver of the requirement. The following students are eligible to receive a waiver:

1. Any student who has moved to the District from another state or country where completion of a five (5) year old kindergarten program is a prerequisite to enrollment in first grade and that student has received a waiver of the requirement in his/her prior state or country.
2. Any student who has moved to the District from another state or country that does not require the completion of five (5) year old kindergarten prior to enrollment in first grade.
3. Any student who, at the discretion of the building principal, in consultation with the first grade teacher(s) of the District, determines that, notwithstanding that the student has not completed a five (5) year old kindergarten program, the student has demonstrated sufficient aptitude in all core competencies normally required of kindergarten students in the District upon completion of the kindergarten program.

The Principal shall perform any required testing to establish the student's academic capabilities and shall prepare a written evaluation that either grants or denies the waiver and provides an explanation as to the decision.

### **C. Appeal of Denial of Waiver**

The parents of any student denied a waiver under this section by the building principal may appeal that decision to the District Administrator by submitting a written request to the District Administrator within ten (10) calendar days of the decision of the principal.

The decision of the District Administrator is final.

#### D. Initial Entry

Children entering the District for the first time must comply with State law. Students must have an immunization record on file at the school. Any student who does not have the proper immunization may be excluded or permitted to remain in school pursuant to Policy 5320 - Immunization.

~~A child may be exempt from the required health examination and/or immunization upon written request of the parent of such child stating the objection to examination and/or immunization on religious grounds, personal conviction, or for medical reasons certified by a competent medical authority.~~

Any student and/or his/her parent(s) who enters the District for the first time must disclose prior or pending school expulsions ~~the following information~~ at the time of enrollment:

1. ~~prior school expulsions;~~
2. ~~arrests resulting in a charge;~~
3. ~~juvenile justice actions; and~~
4. ~~referrals to mental health services.~~

~~Any student who discloses any of the above referenced matters is subject to the provisions of the Code of Student Conduct, Policy 5500, and Policy 5610 relating to disciplinary placement and/or assignment of students.~~

#### E. Verification of Residence

Verification of a parent's residence shall be required at the time the child registers in a District school. Verification of residence may also be required at any other time at the discretion of the District Administrator.

#### F. Early Admission

The District shall prescribe procedures, conditions, and standards for early admission to kindergarten and first grade.

#### G. Older Students

A person who is a resident of the District and over twenty (20) years of age may enroll providing the District Administrator does not think his/her enrollment will interfere with the education of the other students.

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