

**PORTAGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS' BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL MEETING
CONFERENCE RM #1, PORTAGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS' ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 8107 MUSTANG
DRIVE, PORTAGE, MI 49002
JUNE 15, 2026, 5:00 PM
AGENDA**

VISION STATEMENT

We are inspired to be an exceptional community grounded in fostering strengths, growth, and lifelong learning. Every student. Every future.

MISSION STATEMENT

Portage Public Schools will educate all students to achieve their potential.

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II. Revisions/Approval of Agenda

Recommended Motion:

Motion offered by _____, seconded by _____, that the Board of Education approve the Agenda as printed (or as amended).

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III. Comments or Communications

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IV. Discussion Items

1. Policy Discussion
 - 5112-Entrance Age

Book	Policy Manual
Section	5000 Students
Title	ENTRANCE AGE
Code	po5112
Status	Active
Adopted	September 14, 2015

5112 - **ENTRANCE AGE**

The Board of Education shall establish student entrance age requirements that are consistent with Michigan Law and sound educational practices, which ensure equitable treatment.

A child who turns six (6) years of age before December 1st must be enrolled on the first school day of the school year in which the child's sixth birthday occurs, and a child who turns six (6) years of age on or after December 1st must be enrolled on the first school day of the school year following the school year in which the child's sixth birthday occurs.

A. Prekindergarten

A child is eligible for entrance into the District's prekindergarten program if s/he attains the age determined by the District for the program for which they are enrolling. Children attending prekindergarten shall be charged tuition in accordance with Board policy.

B. Kindergarten

A child who is a resident of the District and at least five (5) years of age on or before September 1st of the school year of enrollment is eligible for entrance to the kindergarten program for that school year. The child may not be placed in an alternative program without the permission of the parent.

C. Early Entrance (for 2015-2016 school year only)

A child who is a resident, or is eligible to enroll and be counted in membership under the State school of choice provisions (M.C.L. 388.1705 & 1705c) but not yet five (5) years of age on or before September 1st for the applicable school year, will be admitted to kindergarten under the following circumstances:

1. the child will have attained the age of five (5) by December 1st of the school year of enrollment;
2. the parent or guardian provides written notice to the District of intent to enroll the child for that school year.

The District may make a recommendation to the parent or guardian that the child is not ready to start kindergarten due to age or other factors, but the decision whether to enroll the child will remain with the parent or guardian.

The District must allow early entry by nonresident Schools of Choice students, provided the parent/guardian notifies the District by the applicable notification date above (C. 2. or 3.) of the intent to participate in the early enrollment option and timely applies for and is selected under the District's Schools of Choice program.

The District shall notify the Department of Education by December 31st of each school year of the number of students enrolled under the Early Entrance exception for that school year.

D. Preschool Children with Disabilities

Compensatory education programs may be provided for children with disabilities of preschool age, if they have been certified in accordance with the rules of the State and are not part of a district's special education program.

All such programs must comply with any applicable State and Federal requirements, such as the least restrictive environment.

E. Preschool - Disadvantaged Children

Readiness and compensatory education programs may be provided for disadvantaged children of preschool age, if they have been certified in accordance with the rules and requirements of the State, such as the Great Start Readiness Program.

All such programs must comply with any applicable State and Federal requirements.

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M.C.L. 380.1147, 380.1561, 388.1606, 388.1705 & 17-05c

IDEA, Part B; 34 CFR Part 300

Dear Colleague Letter, Feb. 29, 2012, U.S.D.O.E., Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services

A.C. Rule 340.1754