

STUDENT PERSONNEL

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POLICY TITLE ENTRANCE ADMISSIONS

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Children in the school district community will be allowed to enroll in the school district's regular education program beginning at age five. The child must be age five on or prior to September 15 to participate in the school district's kindergarten program. The child must be age six on or prior to September 15 to begin the first grade of the education program.

Before the student may enroll in the district's education program, the board will require evidence of age and residency in the form of a birth certificate or other evidence of age. It is within the discretion of the superintendent to determine what is satisfactory evidence for proof of age.

Prior to enrollment, the child must provide the administration with their health and immunization certificate. Failure to provide this information within the time period set by the superintendent is reason for suspension, expulsion or denying admission to the student.

A student shall not be admitted to pre-school unless he or she is three years old on or before the 15th day of September of the current year.

Children who receive services under the individuals with Disabilities Education Act are not permitted to enter school until they reach legal entrance age but will be provided appropriate services.

Note: This policy reflects current Iowa law. Only the state registrar has authority to make a copy of a birth certificate. Districts who utilize online registration platforms should be aware that birth certificates should not be uploaded on the online platform as proof of age, as that creates a copy of the birth certificate. Districts can either view a birth certificate in person then return it to the child's guardian; or utilize a variety of documents including but not limited to a certified statement from a treating medical provider, or an immunization record from the child's treating provider that lists the child's date of birth as sufficient proof of age.

Legal Reference: Iowa Code §§ 139A.8; 144.45(5); 282.1, .3, .6.

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