JEB Entrance Age

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Purpose: To establish the basic structure for the appropriate age for students entering school.

District policy for entrance to kindergarten and first grade corresponds with state law regulating the beginning ages for entrance into public schools.

Preschool-age children with disabilities

The district provides a free appropriate public education consistent with the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act for all three-, four- and five-year-old children with disabilities who reside in the district.

Kindergarten

Attendance in kindergarten is mandatory and compulsory for five-year-olds in the state. Students may enroll in kindergarten if they meet one of these criteria:

- They will attain the age of five on or before September 1 of the school year.
- They substantially began attending a public school kindergarten program in another state which has a different attendance age requirement.

Students who attend a public kindergarten program for one full year in another state that has a different attendance age requirement than South Carolina will be enrolled in the first grade.

The assignment of an enrolled kindergarten student child to a particular school will be based on the attendance area in which the child legally resides when the particular attendance area school has a kindergarten. When kindergarten enrollment figures and available instructional space dictate, the superintendent will retain the administrative prerogative of scheduling intradistrict transfers from one attendance area to another to alleviate overcrowded conditions.

First grade

Students may enroll in the first grade if they meet one of these criteria:

- They will attain the age of six on or before September 1 of the school year he/she enrolls unless otherwise approved by the board.
- They substantially began a first grade program in another state that has a different attendance requirement.
They have attended a public school kindergarten program for one full school year.

A first-grade student pupil who transfers during the school year from another state where a different regulation exists may be accepted provided legal residence has been changed to this school district and the school administration determines that he/she is capable of first-grade classwork.

Requirements for Entrance to Kindergarten or First Grade

A certified birth certificate which verifies the date of birth must be submitted before the child student can be enrolled.

A certificate of immunization or conditional certificate from the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control State Board of Health must be submitted before the child student can be enrolled in kindergarten or first grade. Adopted 2/20/73; Revised 1/22/80, 5/14/85, 9/12/95, 8/13/96, 4/20/99, 7/1/03,

Legal references:

. S.C. Code, 1976, as amended:
  2. Section 59-36-10 - Preschool programs for children with disabilities, defined.
  3. Section 59-63-20 - Kindergarten and first grade entrance age.
  4. Section 59-65-10 - Kindergarten, compulsory attendance.

B. State Board of Education Regulations:
  1. R43-272 - School admissions.

S.C. Code, 1976, as amended:

Section 59-19-340 - Child development programs.
Section 59-36-10 - Preschool programs for children with disabilities.
Section 59-63-20(3) - Kindergarten entrance age.
Section 59-63-20(4) - First grade entrance age.