

Admission Age Requirements and Placement of Students - 3110

Attending the schools of the district shall be recognized as a right and responsibility for those who meet the requirements prescribed by law. Every resident of the district who satisfies the minimum entry age requirement and is less than 21 years of age has the right to attend the district's schools until he/she completes high school graduation requirements. Children who have reached eight (8) years of age and are less than eighteen (18) years of age are required by law to attend a public school, or an approved private school or educational center, unless they are receiving approved home-based instruction. To be admitted to a kindergarten program which commences in the fall of the year a child must be at least five (5) years of age by August 31st of that school year. To be admitted to a first grade program which commences in the fall of the year a child must be at least six (6) years of age by August 31st of that school year. Under certain conditions, children under age five (5) may be admitted (see policy 3111).

The decision regarding grade and classroom placement of a student seeking admission to the district rests with the principal. Generally students meeting the age of admission requirements or transferring from a public or approved private school shall be placed in kindergarten or first grade, or the grade from which they transferred. The principal shall evaluate the educational record and assessments of all other students to determine their appropriate placement. A temporary classroom assignment may be made for no more than thirty (30) calendar days for the purpose of evaluation prior to making the final placement decision.

Cross References:

Policy 2090	Comprehensive Student Assessment System
2121	Substance Abuse Program
2140	Guidance and Counseling
2108	Remediation Programs
3114	Part-time, Home-based, or Off-campus Students
3121	Compulsory Attendance
3122	Excused and Unexcused Absences
4220	Complaints Concerning Staff or Program

Legal References:

RCW 28A.225.160	Attendance age eligibility
28A.225.010	Attendance mandatory--age
28A.225.020	School's duties upon juvenile's failure to attend school
WAC 180-39	Uniform Entry Qualifications
392-134-010	Attendance rights of part-time public school students