

# EPHRATA AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: PUPILS

TITLE: ADMISSION OF STUDENTS

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201. ADMISSION OF STUDENTS	
<p>1. Authority 22 PA Code 11.12, 11.41 24 P.S. 1301</p>	<p>The Board shall establish age requirements for the admission of students to first grade and to kindergarten that are consistent with state law and regulations.</p>
<p>2. Guidelines</p>	<p><u>First Grade</u></p>
<p>22 PA Code 11.15 24 P.S. 1304, 1326</p>	<p>Beginners are students entering the lowest grade of the primary school above the kindergarten level. The Board establishes the district's entry age for beginners as six (6) years by September 1, in accordance with state law and regulations.</p>
<p>22 PA Code 11.16</p>	<p>The Board may admit as a beginner a child who is five (5) years old and demonstrates readiness for entry by the first day of the school term, upon written request of the parent/guardian, recommendation of the district psychologist, and approval of the Superintendent.</p>
<p>22 PA Code 11.16</p>	<p>The Board is not required to admit as a beginner any child whose age is less than the district's established admission age for beginners.</p>
	<p><u>Kindergarten</u></p>
<p>22 PA Code 11.14</p>	<p>The Board establishes the district's entry age for kindergarten as five (5) years by September 1, in accordance with state law and regulations.</p> <p>The Board may admit to kindergarten a child whose chronological age is less than five (5) years before the first day of the school term. Parents/Guardians requesting early age admission must make their request in writing to the Assistant Superintendent for Elementary Education. The child must be tested by a certified child psychologist, at the expense of the parent/guardian. Based on the report of the child psychologist and the recommendation of the district school psychologist, the Superintendent will make the final determination on any request for early admission.</p>

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<p>3. Delegation of Responsibility Pol. 200, 203</p>	<p>The Superintendent or designee shall require that the parent/guardian of each student who registers for entrance to school shall submit proof of age, residency, and required immunizations.</p> <p>References:</p> <p>School Code – 24 P.S. 503, 1301, 1304, 1326</p> <p>State Board of Education Regulations – 22 PA Code 4.41, 11.12, 11.14, 11.15, 11.16, 11.41</p> <p>Board Policy – 200, 203</p>
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