

## **Entrance Age**

### **PRESCHOOL**

In accordance with appropriate state and federal legal requirements, any child who has been identified as disabled, and who is three (3) or four (4) years of age, by August 1 of the current year, shall be eligible for a free and appropriate preschool education and related services.

Children at risk of educational failure who are four (4) by August 1 may enter preschool. All other four (4) year old children shall be served to the extent placements are available.<sup>1</sup>

### **PRIMARY SCHOOL**

A child who becomes five (5) by October 1 may enter primary school and may advance through the primary program without regard to age in accordance with KRS 158.030. A child who becomes six (6) by October 1 shall attend public school unless s/he qualifies for an exemption as provided by law.<sup>3</sup>

Beginning with the 2017-2018 school year, the following provisions shall apply:

- A child who becomes five (5) by August 1 may enter primary school and may advance through the primary program without regard to age in accordance with KRS 158.031. A child who becomes six (6) by August 1 shall attend public school unless s/he qualifies for an exemption as provided by law.
- A child who is six (6) years of age, or who may become six (6) years of age by August 1, shall attend public school or qualify for an exemption as provided by KRS 159.030.<sup>2</sup>

### **PETITION PROCESS**

Parents/guardians may petition the Board to allow their child to enter school earlier than permitted under statutory age requirements. On receipt of a petition, the District shall conduct an evaluation process to help determine a student's readiness to engage in and benefit from early entry to school. The process shall be established in accordance with the following:

1. The parent of the potential eligible student for early entrance will complete and submit a petition for early entrance by June 15 at the Board Office to the attention of the Director of Pupil Personnel.
2. The District will coordinate the entrance exam with District qualified staff, who will administer the exam prior to July 15.
  - a. A score at or above the 95th percentile on Developmental Indicators for the Assessment of learning, (DIAL IV) or current version. This assessment will address motor, concepts, language, social emotional, and self-help.
  - ~~a.b.~~ In cases where significant discrepancies exist on the DIAL IV indicators, the committee may recommend further assessments in order to assure multiple sources of data verify the existence of meeting eligibility for early enrollment.
3. The District committee will review all early entrance information and provide results to the Early Childhood Director and parents of the potential student on meeting eligibility or not meeting eligibility for early entrance. The District committee will be made up of the Director of Pupil Personnel, the Early Childhood Director, the school Psychologist, and the School Principal of the student's residence.

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4. After review is made by the District committee, a recommendation will or will not be made and forwarded to the Superintendent and Board for approval.
5. The school of residence will be informed of the eligibility of student with all data presented to the principal/school counselor/kindergarten teacher.
6. The Principal will place the student in the classroom; providing all assessment data for review by the teacher.
7. All final paperwork will reside with the Director of Pupil Personnel for auditing purposes.

**TUITION**

Tuition will be determined by the Board each school year based upon the number of available spaces at each school site.

Any tuition amounts charged to students permitted early entry under this Policy shall be the same as that charged to other tuition paying students who meet statutory age requirements.

**PROOF OF AGE**

Upon enrollment for the first time in any elementary or secondary school, a student or student's parent shall provide:

- A certified copy of the student's birth certificate, or
- Other reliable proof of the student's identity and age with an affidavit explaining the inability to produce a copy of the birth certificate.<sup>4</sup>

**HEALTH RECORDS**

Before enrolling in the District, the new student must present a current Kentucky Immunization certificate, a physical examination form, and a vision examination performed by an optometrist or ophthalmologist.

**REFERENCES:**

- <sup>1</sup>KRS 157.3175; 2016 Budget Bill
- <sup>2</sup>KRS 158.030
- <sup>3</sup>KRS 157.226; KRS 159.030
- <sup>4</sup>KRS 158.032; KRS 158.035; KRS 214.034
- KRS 158.031; 702 KAR 1:160; 702 KAR 7:125
- KRS 158.990; KRS 159.010
- 704 KAR 5:070
- OAG 82-408; OAG 85-55

**RELATED POLICIES:**

- 08.22
- 09.124
- 09.126 (re requirements/exceptions for students from military families)