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AGENDA ITEM (ACTION ITEM):

Receive 1st Reading of revisions to Policy 09.121 "Early Entrance"

APPLICABLE BOARD POLICY:

01.5 - School Board Policies

HISTORY/BACKGROUND:

Removal of the specific due date from the policy will allow flexibility in setting timelines each year for the early entrance process. Proposed revisions are reflected in red on the attached draft.

FISCAL/BUDGETARY IMPACT:

None

RECOMMENDATION:

None

CONTACT PERSON:

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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.¹

PRIMARY SCHOOL

A child who is five (5) or who may become five (5) years of age 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 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 159.030.²

EARLY ENTRANCE PRIMARY ONE (P1) PROGRAM (KINDERGARTEN)

Students will be eligible to enroll in the Early Entrance Primary One (P1) program, provided criteria established by the Board is met. Application for early entrance testing must be made, in writing, prior to [the deadline established by the Central Office](#) ~~June 15 of the proposed entry school year.~~

Successful completion of an accredited Early Entrance Primary One (P1) provides eligibility to Early Entrance Primary Two (P2).

CRITERIA FOR EARLY ENTRANCE (P1)

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 learning experiences that best promote the child's success. Criteria for early entrance may include:

1. Parent input.
2. Prior setting input, if applicable.
3. The child shows general characteristics of children with high potential.
4. Achieves a Kindergarten ready score on the academic, self-help, and social emotional components of the common kindergarten readiness assessment.
5. Final determination of placement will re-se with the District Early Entrance Assessment Team

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.²

Entrance Age**EARLY ENTRANCE PRIMARY TWO (P2) PROGRAM (FIRST GRADE)**

Students have not participated in the Early Entrance Primary One (P1) Program will be eligible to enroll in the Early Entrance Primary Two (P2) Program, provided: (1) criteria established by the Board are met; or (2) candidates have successfully completed a Kindergarten program in an accredited non-public or accredited out-of-state school. Application for early entrance testing must be made, in writing, prior to [the deadline established by the Central Office](#) ~~June 15 of the proposed entry school year.~~

CRITERIA FOR EARLY ENTRANCE (P2)

Criteria for early entrance may include:

1. Score at or above grade level on an individually administered measure of student skills in each of the key basic early literacy skills.
2. A variety of student related work samples and records provided by parents, previous teachers, etc. indicate readiness for Early Entrance Primary Two (P2) Program (First Grade).
3. District Early Entrance Assessment Team makes the final determination of placement.

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.³

REFERENCES:

¹KRS 157.3175

²KRS 158.030

³KRS 158.032; KRS 158.035; KRS 214.034

KRS 157.226; KRS 159.030

KRS 158.990; KRS 159.010

702 KAR 1:160; 704 KAR 5:070

OAG 85-55; OAG 82-408

P. L. 114-95, (Every Student Succeeds Act of 2015), 20 U.S.C. § 6301 et seq.

McKinney-Vento Act, 42 U.S.C. 11431 et seq.

RELATED POLICIES:

09.124

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