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Dr. Henry Webb, Superintendent of Schools

**KCSD ISSUE PAPER**

**DATE:**

05-07-2018

**AGENDA ITEM (ACTION ITEM):**

Consider/Approve Second Reading: Update Policy 09.121 Entrance Age

**APPLICABLE BOARD POLICY:**

Policy 09.121 Entrance Age

**HISTORY/BACKGROUND:**

Policy 09.121 Entrance Age establishes guidelines for enrollment within the Kenton County School District. The current policy allows for students to apply for early entrance for Kindergarten and First Grade, however the current standards are set at a level higher than our students coming into Kindergarten or completing Kindergarten. We are requesting the Board change the policy requirements for entering Kindergarten and First Grade to a level more in-line with current student levels.

**FISCAL/BUDGETARY IMPACT:**

Little or none

**RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended the Board of Education approve the second reading of the updates to Policy 09.121 Entrance Age.

**CONTACT PERSON:**

Gerald Turner/Ellen Zimmer

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*Principal*

  
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*District Administrator*

  
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*Superintendent*

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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. ~~All other four (4) year old children may be served to the extent placements are available.~~<sup>1</sup>

### **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](#).<sup>2</sup>

### **EARLY ENTRANCE PRIMARY ONE (P1) PROGRAM (KINDERGARTEN)**

Students will be eligible to enroll in the Early Entrance Primary One (P1) program, provided: ~~(1) cost, is paid by the student's guardian; and (2) criteria established by the Board are~~ **is** met. Application for early entrance testing must be made, in writing, prior to June 15 of the proposed entry school year.

Successful completion of **an accredited** Early Entrance Primary One (P1) ~~is the prerequisite into~~ **provides eligibility to Early Entrance** Primary Two (P2).

~~To equalize costs, both full day programs and half day programs are assessed at the same level. This cost is equal to half of the current school year SEEK formula amount.~~

### **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** ~~entry to school~~. Criteria for early entrance **may** include:

- ~~1. A score at or above the 95th percentile on Developmental Indicators for the Assessment of Learning (DIAL-4);~~
  - ~~2. Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy (DIBELS) performing at or above local grade level norms;~~
  - ~~3. Scores on standardized intelligence test, behavior rating scales, and standardized achievement test at or above the 95th percentile; and,~~
  - ~~4. Considerations may include availability of space and funding.~~
- 1. Parent observation and input regarding health and physical well-being and emotional and social preparation.**
  - 2. The child shows general characteristics of children with high potential.**
  - 3. Achieves a composite score greater than 60 on the common kindergarten readiness assessment.**



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4. Final determination of placement will rest 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.<sup>2</sup>

**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; and **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 June 15 of the proposed entry school year.

**CRITERIA FOR EARLY ENTRANCE (P2)**

Criteria for early entrance **may** include:

1. ~~Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy (DIBELS) performing at or above local grade-level norms;~~ **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)** ~~Scores on standardized intelligence test, behavior rating scales, and standardized achievement test at or above the 95th percentile; and,~~
3. **District Early Entrance Assessment Team Committee 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.<sup>3</sup>

**HEALTH RECORDS**

~~Before enrolling in any District, the new student must present a current Kentucky immunization certificate (properly signed and dated by a physician), a physical examination form (performed no earlier than twelve months prior to the date of enrollment), and a vision examination performed by an optometrist or ophthalmologist, and a dental examination completed by a dentist, dent hygienist, physician, registered nurse, nurse practitioner, or physician assistant.~~

**REFERENCES:**

<sup>1</sup>KRS 157.3175

<sup>2</sup>[KRS 158.030](#)

<sup>3</sup>[KRS 158.032](#); [KRS 158.035](#); [KRS 214.034](#)

[KRS 157.226](#); [KRS 159.030](#)

[KRS 158.990](#); [KRS 159.010](#)

[702 KAR 001:160](#); [704 KAR 005:070](#)

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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.

09.124

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

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