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Dr. Henry Webb, Superintendent of Schools

**KCSD ISSUE PAPER**

**DATE:**

December 17, 2018

**AGENDA ITEM (ACTION ITEM):**

Consider/Approve 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Revised Policy 09.121 "Entrance Age"

**APPLICABLE BOARD POLICY:**

01.5 - School Board Policies

**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 adjustments were made to clarify criteria for the early entrance process with Parent Input and Prior Setting information. An adjustment also was made to the wording of Kindergarten Ready Scoring. We are requesting the Board change the policy to reflect the refinement of this wording.

**FISCAL/BUDGETARY IMPACT:**

Little or none.

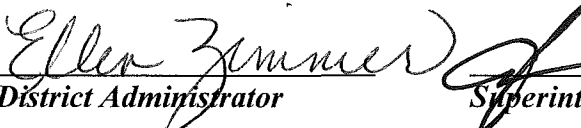
**RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended the Board of Education approve the first reading of the updates to Policy 09.121.

**CONTACT PERSON:**

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.<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 criteria established by the Board 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) 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 ~~observation and~~ input ~~regarding health and physical well-being and emotional and social preparation.~~
2. ~~Prior setting~~ input, if applicable
3. The child shows general characteristics of children with high potential.
4. Achieves a ~~composite score greater than sixty (60)~~ Kindergarten Ready score on ~~academic, self-help, and social emotional components~~ of the common kindergarten readiness assessment.
5. 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>

**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 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.<sup>3</sup>

**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](#)

[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)

Adopted/Amended: 5/7/2018

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