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[See POLICY ALERT Nos. 108, 110 and 172]

The Board of Education will admit to this district children otherwise eligible by law or Board policy who have attained the age requirements set by law and this Board of Education. The Board requires documentary verification of the age and birth date of any child for whom admission to this district is sought.

Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:36-25.1(a), when a child is enrolled in a school district for the first time, the Superintendent or his/her designee shall obtain from the parent/legal guardian of the child, a certified copy of the child's birth certificate or other proof of the child's identity within thirty (30) days of enrollment. If the parent/legal guardian fails to comply, the Superintendent shall notify the parent/legal guardian that the matter will be referred to the police if the information is not provided within ten (10) days.

When a child transfers from one district to another, the receiving school district shall obtain the child's school record from the sending district within 14 days of enrollment. The school district of last attendance shall provide the receiving district with all information in the student's record related to disciplinary actions taken against the student by the district, and notify the receiving district if it has obtained any information pursuant to section 1 of P.L. 1982, c 79 (C:2A:4A-60). Written consent of the parent, guardian, supporting domiciliary or adult student shall not be required as a condition of transfer of this information; however, written notice of the transfer shall be provided to the parent or adult student by the school district of last attendance. If the record is marked to denote a missing child, the sending district shall forward the record to the receiving district and immediately notify the Missing Persons Unit in the Department of law & Public Safety, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 52: 17B-9.8 b.

Preschool-Disabled

A child is eligible for entrance into a program of <u>Special Services special education</u> who has attained <u>his or her their</u> third birthday and has been found by the Child Study Team to be eligible for a program for the preschool educationally disabled in accordance with rules of the State Board of Education.

Kindergarten

A child is eligible for entrance into kindergarten at the start of the regular school year if <u>he/she they</u> haves reached five (5) years of age on or before October 1st of the year in which entrance is sought.



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No child will be admitted to kindergarten who has not met the age requirement set by this policy.

Admission to First Grade

A child is eligible for entrance into first grade at the start of the regular school year if <u>he/she they</u> -ha<u>ves</u> reached six (6) years of age on or before October 1st of the year in which entrance is sought.

In general, at the discretion of the Superintendent, students are admitted upon transfer from another public school district or non-public school to the grade they would have been attending in the former district or school.

Assessment for Entrance to Grade 2-12

The Superintendent is directed to establish assessment techniques for the purpose of placing children in grades two through twelve. These may include, but are not limited to, standardized and local tests, teacher and/or administrator observations, and evaluative material from the previous school.

N.J.S.A. 18A:36-19; 18A:38-5; 18A:38-6; <u>18A:44-1;</u> <u>18A:44-1;</u> 18A:44-2; 18A:46-6; 18A:46-6.1 N.J.A.C. <u>6:20-1.2</u> <u>6A: 14-3.3</u>

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