

SCHOOL ENTRANCE AGE

Statement of Philosophy

The Slate Valley Unified Union School District values early childhood education and recognizes the need and value of high quality learning experiences for young children. A child's early education years are critical as they form the dispositions (how a child learns) and attitudes that will affect the child's learning career. Research demonstrates and our school districts recognize that a child's entry into kindergarten is one of the most important educational experiences of his or her lifetime. Children who are fully five when they enter kindergarten are more likely to be physically, emotionally, socially, and intellectually ready for that important full day school experience.

Policy

It shall be the policy of the Slate Valley Unified Union School District that students entering school must comply with the following entry age requirements:

- For admission into Kindergarten, a child must have attained the age of five (5) on or before September 1st of the year of entrance;
- For admission into the Universal Preschool Program a child must have attained the age of three (3) on or before September 1st of the year of entrance.

Children with disabilities who qualify for Essential Early Education (EEE)/Early Childhood Special Education (ECSE) will be admitted into preschool or EEE/ECSE programming in accordance with state and federal regulations governing the provision of special education services.

There are no appeal rights to the standard established by this policy.

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Slate Valley Unified Union School District