

QUALIFICATIONS OF ATTENDANCE AND PLACEMENT

A. Age of Admission

Attending the schools of the district shall be recognized as a right and responsibility for those who meet the requirements prescribed by law. Every resident of the district who satisfies the minimum entry age requirement and is less than 21 years of age has the right to attend the district's schools until he/she completes high school graduation requirements. Children of age 8 and less than age 18 are required by law to attend a public school, an approved private school or educational center, unless they are receiving approved home-based instruction. Under certain circumstances children who are at least 16 and less than 18 years of age may be excused from further attendance at school. The superintendent shall exercise his/her authority to grant exceptions when he/she determines that the student:

1. Is lawfully and regularly employed, and
2. Has permission of a parent, or,
3. Is emancipated pursuant to Chapter 13.64 RCW; or
4. Is subject to one of the other exceptions to compulsory attendance.

A resident student who has been granted an exception retains the right to enroll as a part-time student and shall be entitled to take any course, receive any ancillary services and take or receive any combination of courses and ancillary services which is offered by a public school to full-time students.

B. Entrance Qualifications

To be admitted to a kindergarten program which commences in the fall of the year a child must be not less than 5 years of age prior to September 1 of that school year. To be admitted to a first grade program which commences in the fall of the year a child must be not less than 6 years of age prior to September 1 of that school year.

Any child not otherwise eligible for entry to first grade who successfully has completed a kindergarten program in a public or private school shall be permitted entry to the school program provided that the kindergarten program substantially equaled or exceeded the applicable basic education program requirements of four hundred fifty hours with instruction in the essential academic learning requirements, provided further, that if the district has reason to believe that an individual child so qualified may not succeed in the district's first grade program, the district shall have the option of placing the child in either kindergarten or the first grade for evaluation and a final determination of the child's appropriate grade level placement no later than the thirtieth calendar day following the child's first day of attendance.

C. Admission of Students Aged Twenty-One or Older

A student aged 21 or older may enroll in a school in the district under the following conditions:

1. There is available space in the school and program which the student shall attend;
2. Tuition is prepaid;
3. The student provides his/her own transportation;
4. The student resides in the state of Washington; and

5. In the judgment of the superintendent, no adult education program is available at reasonable costs and the district's program is appropriate to the needs of the student.

D. Placement of Students on Admission

The decision of where to place a student seeking admission to the district rests with the principal. Generally students meeting the age of admission requirements or transferring from a public or approved private school shall be placed in kindergarten or first grade, or the grade from which they transferred. The principal shall evaluate the educational record and assessments of all other students to determine their appropriate placement. A temporary classroom assignment may be made for no more than thirty calendar days for the purpose of evaluation prior to making the final placement decision.

Cross References:	Board Policy 2108	Remediation Programs
	Board Policy 3114	Part-time, Home-based, or Off-campus Students
	Board Policy 3121	Compulsory Attendance
	Board Policy 3122	Excused and Unexcused Absences
	Board Policy 4220	Complaints Concerning Staff or Program
Legal References:	RCW 28A.225.010	Attendance mandatory — Age — Person having custody shall cause child to attend public school — When excused
	RCW 28A.225.020	School's duties upon juvenile's failure to attend school
	RCW 28A.225.160	Qualification for admission to district's schools — Fees for preadmission screening
	RCW 28A.225.220	Adults, children from other districts, agreements for attending school — Tuition
	WAC 392-335	Uniform Entry Qualifications
	WAC 392-134-010	Attendance rights of part-time public school students
	WAC 392-137	Finance — Nonresident attendance
Management Resource:	<i>Policy News</i> , April 2006	Entrance to School Policy Changes
	<i>Policy News</i> , August 1999	Districts may set K-screening fees