

## Students

### Admission

### BP 5111 (a)

The Iditarod School Board believes that all children should have the opportunity to receive a free appropriate public education. Staff shall encourage parents/guardians to enroll all school-aged children in school.

Note: Pursuant to 4 AAC 06.060, authority to deny admission to a student is vested with the School Board.

The Iditarod School Board reserves the right to verify the residency or anticipated residency of any student and the validity of any affidavit of guardianship. These admission policies are not intended to be a barrier to the enrollment and retention of homeless children and youth.

The Superintendent or designee shall verify compliance with all entrance requirements established by law or Iditarod School Board policy.

*(cf. 5112.6- Education for Homeless Children and Youth)*

*(cf. 5112.1- Exemptions from Attendance)*

*(cf. 5112.2- Exclusions from Attendance)*

*(cf. 5116- School Attendance Boundaries)*

*(cf. 5117- Inter-district Attendance)*

*(cf. 5141.3- Health Examinations)*

*(cf. 5141.31- Immunizations)*

A child five years of age on or before September 1 may be admitted to kindergarten. A child six years of age on or before September 1 may be admitted to first grade. The Iditarod School Board authorizes the admission of students under school age who exhibit the ability to perform satisfactorily, including advancement through the curriculum or grade level by the following year. The Superintendent or designee is delegated authority to make early-entrance determinations. Students under school age who were previously enrolled in public school shall be admitted to school at the grade level determined by the Superintendent or designee. (AS 14.03.080)

Note: A child who is six years of age on or before September 1 following the beginning of the school year, and who is under the age of 20 and has not completed the 12<sup>th</sup> grade, is of school age. AS 14.03.070. The school year begins July 1 and ends June 30. Pursuant to AS 14.03.080, the School Board may admit children under school age who meet School Board standards of mental, physical, and emotional capacity necessary to perform satisfactorily in school. In 2003, the legislature amended the early-entrance statute for the purpose of clarifying that two-year kindergarten programs are not authorized. Districts with early entry into kindergarten must have an educational program prescribing that under school age students advance through the curriculum or grade level by the following school year. This is a programmatic requirement and is not meant to limit individualized student assessment. In 2004, the early entrance statute was again amended to provide School Boards with the option of delegating early entrance decisions to the Superintendent or designee. The school Board may establish a

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kindergarten class for children who are five on or before September 1 following the beginning of the school year; must admit children under school age who move into the district and who were previously enrolled in public school in another district or state; and may admit students over school age and charge them tuition.

A student reaching the twentieth (20<sup>th</sup>) birthday may complete the semester in which he/she is currently enrolled as a regular student. He/she may then continue in attendance as an adult student subject to the permission of the Superintendent and Iditarod School Board. Adult student tuition may be charged at the discretion of the Iditarod School Board.

Individuals over the age of twenty may be re-enrolled as an adult student subject to the permission of the Superintendent and Iditarod School Board. Adult student tuition may be charged at the discretion of the Iditarod School Board.

#### *Legal Reference:*

##### ALASKA STATUTES

*14.30.010- When attendance compulsory*

*14.03.020- School year*

*14.03.070- school age*

*14.03.080- Free Education*

*14.30.045- Grounds for suspension or denial of admission*

##### Alaska Administrative Code

*4 AAC 06.055- Immunizations required*

*4 AAC 07.076 Determination of School Age*

##### United State Code

*41 U.S.C. 11432-11433- McKinney- Vento Homeless Assistance Act*

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#### **Age of Admission**

Proof of age shall be required of all enrolling students. The legal evidences of age, in order of desirability, are a birth certificate, baptismal certificate, passport, immigration certificate, Bible record, or affidavit from the parent/guardian.

#### **Residency**

Note: The following language reflects the intent of federal law (McKinney Act of 1987) which holds that a permanent and fixed dwelling is not necessary to establish residence for school purposes.

Children living in the district who do not reside in a permanent, fixed residence shall be admitted to district schools upon presentation of any of the following:

1. Hotel or motel receipts.
2. A letter from a social service agency verifying that the child lives within the district.
3. An affidavit from the parent/guardian stating that the family lives within the district with the intent of remaining there.

A reasonable effort shall be made to secure an address, phone number and medical release from the parent/guardian when a child is placed in a classroom.

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