

Qualifications of Attendance and Placement

A. Age of Admission

It is a right and responsibility of those who meet the requirements prescribed by law to attend the schools of the district. 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.

B. Entrance Qualifications

To be admitted to a kindergarten program that 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 that 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 student not otherwise eligible for entry to the first grade who has successfully completed a state-approved, public or private, kindergarten program of 450 or more hours including instruction in the essential academic learning requirements and other subjects that the district determines are appropriate will be permitted entry into the first-grade program. If necessary, the student may be placed in a temporary classroom assignment for the purposes of evaluation prior to making a final determination of the student's appropriate placement. Such determination will be made no later than the 30th calendar day following the student's first day of attendance.

Exemptions

Special exemptions may be made for younger pupils who appear to be sufficiently advanced to succeed in the educational program. The superintendent will identify screening processes and instruments that will provide reliable estimates of these skills and abilities, develop procedures for implementing this policy and establish fees to cover expenses incurred in the administration of preadmission screening processes. The district will provide a fee waiver or a reduction in fees for low income students whose parents are unable to pay the full cost of preadmission screening.

C. 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 will be placed in kindergarten or first grade, or the grade from which they transferred. The principal will 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 2100	Military Families in Transition
	2121	Substance Abuse Program
	2140	Guidance and Counseling
	2108	Remediation Programs
	3114	Part-time, Home-based, or Off-campus Students
	3121	Compulsory Attendance
	3122	Excused and Unexcused Absences
	4220	Complaints Concerning Staff or Program

Legal References:	RCW 28A.225.010	Attendance mandatory — Age — Exceptions
	RCW 28A.225.020	School's duties upon child'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 392-134-010	Attendance rights of part-time public school students
Management Resource:	WAC 392-137	Finance — Nonresident attendance
	WAC 392-335	Uniform Entry Qualifications
	<i>Policy News</i> , April 2006 <i>Policy News</i> , August 1999	Entrance to School Policy Changes Districts may set K-screening fees