

ENTRANCE AGE AND REQUIREMENTS

Age

Children in the school district community will be allowed to enroll in the school district's education program beginning at age five. The child must be age five on or prior to September 15 to participate in the school district's kindergarten program. The child must be age six on or prior to September 15 to begin the first grade of the education program. However, a child under age six on or prior to September 15 who has been admitted to the kindergarten program or who has demonstrated sufficient ability on the basis of tests or other means of evaluation may be admitted to the first grade at any time before December 31 as provided by law.

The Board shall require evidence of age and residency in the form of a birth certificate or other evidence for enrollment in the school district's education program. It shall be within the discretion of the Executive Director of Student & At-Risk Services to determine what satisfactory evidence for proof of age is and to allow provisional enrollment pending satisfaction of this requirement.

Immunizations

Prior to enrollment, the parent/guardian must provide the administration with the child's health and immunization certificate. Entering students must present evidence they have received state mandated immunizations or meet the exceptions as outlined in the Iowa Code of Law before they may enroll in our schools. Students may be provisionally enrolled if they have received at least one dose of each of the required vaccines or they are transfer students from other U.S. school systems.

Failure to meet State of Iowa requirements will be grounds for denial of admission or exclusion. Exceptions to the requirement will only be allowed for medical or religious reasons recognized by law. The student must provide a valid Iowa State Department of Public Health Certificate of Immunization Exception to be exempt from this policy.

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