

NORTH ALLEGHENY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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| TITLE: | ADMISSION OF STUDENTS TO <br> KINDERGARTEN AND FIRST GRADE |
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## 201 - ADMISSION OF STUDENTS TO KINDERGARTEN AND FIRST GRADE

## Section 1. Regulations

SC 1301,
Title 22
Sec. 11.12, 11.41

Title 22
Sec. 11.14

The North Allegheny School Board shall establish age requirements for the admission of beginning students which are consistent with statute and sound educational practice; and which ensure the equitable treatment of all eligible children.

## Section 2. Procedures for Kindergarten

a. A child is eligible for Kindergarten if $s /$ he has attained the age of five (5) years on or before September 1.
b. Early Admission to Kindergarten

1. Students who are born after September 1 but before October 1 are eligible for early admission testing upon request to the building principal.
2. All requests must be made prior to August 1 of the year of enrollment.
3. Testing must be completed two weeks before the start of the school year.
4. Early admission shall be considered upon meeting all of the following criteria:

- The child must obtain a minimum standard score of 121 or higher on an individually administered assessment of cognitive ability.
- The child must demonstrate adequate levels of academic preparedness commensurate with the age group of the Kindergarten level in which he/she is seeking enrollment $\left(84^{\text {th }}\right.$ percentile or higher for the student's chronological age on a standardized achievement assessment)..
- The child must demonstrate adequate levels of adaptive functioning
commensurate with the age group of the Kindergarten level in which he/she is seeking enrollment (84th percentile or higher for the student's chronological age in two of the following domains: Conceptual, Practical, and/or Social, or the $84^{\text {th }}$ percentile on the Composite).

5. Testing will be conducted by the District school psychologist at no cost to the parent(s)/guardian(s).
6. If the admission of the student would cause class size to exceed the recommended cap of twenty-four (24) students per classroom, early admission may be denied regardless of the results of the evaluation.

## Section 3. Procedures for First Grade

SC 1304, 1326
Title 22:
Sec. 11.15

Title 22
Sec. 11.16
a. Beginners are students entering the lowest grade of the primary school above the Kindergarten level. A beginner is eligible for admission to the lowest grade of the primary school above the Kindergarten level if $s /$ he has attained the age of six (6) on or before September 1.
b. Early Admission to First Grade

1. Students who are born after September 1 but before October 1 are eligible for early admission testing upon request to the building principal.
2. All requests must be made prior to August 1 of the year of enrollment.
3. Testing must be completed two weeks before the start of the school year.
4. Early admission shall be considered upon meeting all of the following criteria:

- The child must obtain a minimum standard score of 121 or higher on an individually administered assessment of cognitive ability.
- The child must demonstrate adequate levels of academic preparedness commensurate with the age group of the first grade level in which he/she is seeking enrollment $\left(84^{\text {th }}\right.$ percentile or higher for the student's chronological age on a standardized achievement assessment).
- The child must demonstrate adequate levels of adaptive functioning commensurate with the age group of first grade level in which he/she is seeking enrollment (84th percentile or higher for the student's chronological age in two of the following domains: Conceptual, Practical, and/or Social, or the $84^{\text {th }}$ percentile on the Composite).

4. Testing will be conducted by the District school psychologist at no cost to the parent(s)/guardian(s)
5. If the admission of the student would cause class size to exceed the
recommended cap of twenty-four (24) students per classroom, early admission may be denied regardless of the results of the evaluation.
6. The Board is not required to admit as a beginner any child whose age is less than the District's admission age for beginners.

## Section 4. Transfer During the School Year

a. A child who is a North Allegheny School District resident when they start Kindergarten at another private, parochial, or charter school that might permit enrollment at an earlier age than the District may not enter in Kindergarten during that school year.
b. Any child who has completed first grade in another school system will be admitted to second grade without regard to age, upon satisfactory documentation from the sending school.

## Section 5. Delegation of Responsibility

a. A recommendation for approval for early admission will be made by the Superintendent or designee pending the completion and submission of all assessments and paperwork.
b. The recommendation for approval for early admission will be forwarded to the Superintendent and School Board for final approval.

## References

School Code - 24 P.S. Sec. 1301, 1304, 1326
State Board of Education Regulations - 22 PA Code Sec. 11.12, 11.14, 11.15, 11.16, 11.41

Board Policy 200, 203

## Replaces Policy:

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