

NORTH ALLEGHENY SCHOOL DISTRICT

| SECTION:        | PUPILS   |
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| TITLE:          | ADMISSION OF STUDENTS TO<br>KINDERGARTEN AND FIRST GRADE |
| ADOPTED:        | 11/18/15   |
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|   | 201 - <u>ADMISSION OF STUDENTS TO KINDERGARTEN</u><br><u>AND FIRST GRADE</u>  |
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|   | Section 1. <u>Regulations</u>   |
| SC 1301,<br>Title 22<br>Sec. 11.12, 11.41 | 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. <u>Procedures for Kindergarten</u>   |
| Title 22<br>Sec. 11.14                    | 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:  |
|   | <ul> <li>The child must obtain a minimum standard score of 121 or higher on an individually administered assessment of cognitive ability.</li> <li>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 (84<sup>th</sup> percentile or higher for the student's chronological age on a standardized achievement assessment)</li> <li>The child must demonstrate adequate levels of adaptive functioning</li> </ul> |

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|  | <ul> <li>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<sup>th</sup> percentile on the Composite).</li> <li>5. Testing will be conducted by the District school psychologist at no cost to the parent(s)/guardian(s).</li> <li>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.</li> </ul>   |
|  | Section 3. Procedures for First Grade   |
| SC 1304, 1326<br>Title 22:<br>Sec. 11.15 | a. Beginners are students entering the lowest grade of the primary school above<br>the Kindergarten level. A beginner is eligible for admission to the lowest<br>grade of the primary school above the Kindergarten level if s/he has attained<br>the age of six (6) on or before September 1.  |
| Title 22<br>Sec. 11.16                   | 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.   |
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| admission may be denied regardless of the results of the evaluation.  |
| 7. 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. <u>Transfer During the School Year</u>   |
| a. A child who is a North Allegheny School District resident when they start<br>Kindergarten at another private, parochial, or charter school that might<br>permit enrollment at an earlier age than the District may not enter in<br>Kindergarten during that school year. |
| b. Any child who has completed first grade in another school system will be<br>admitted to second grade without regard to age, upon satisfactory<br>documentation from the sending school.  |
| Section 5. <u>Delegation of Responsibility</u>  |
| 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:         3110   |
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