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Age of Entrance

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I. PURPOSE

The Minneapolis Public Schools strive to provide excellent educational services to children in accordance with law. In addition to making provisions for compliance with the State's Compulsory Education Law, the district also provides services to students under age seven. The purpose of this policy is to establish at what age a student is eligible to receive these educational services.

II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY

- A. A child whose (5th) birthday is on or before September 1 is eligible to enter kindergarten on the first day for kindergarten students.
- B. Underage children may be admitted upon application and satisfaction of the criteria for early admittance established by the Superintendent of Schools.
- C. A child whose sixth (6th) birthday is on or before September 1 or who has previously completed kindergarten is eligible to enter first grade on the first day for students.
- D. A birth certificate or other satisfactory proof of age will be required.
- E. Children with disabilities are eligible for special education services beginning at birth or as soon as they are identified. An assessment is required to establish eligibility.

Legal References:

Minn. Stat. §120A.20 (Admission to Public School)

Minn. Stat. §120A.22 (Compulsory Instruction)

Minn. Stat. §125A.02 Subd. 1 (Child with a Disability Defined)

Minn. Stat. §125A.03 (Special Instruction for Children with a Disability)

Minnesota Rules 3525.0750 (Identification of Pupils with Disabilities)

Minnesota Rules 3525.1350 (Infant and Toddler Intervention Services)

Minnesota Rules 3525.1351 (Intervention Services: Ages Three through Six Years)

Cross References

MPS Policy 5260 (School Attendance Areas)

MPS Policy 5262 (Assignment of Students to Schools)

MPS Policy 5263 (Sibling Preference)

MPS Policy 5291 (Education of Homeless Children)

MPS Policy 5700 (Special Education)