

Admission and Attendance

Admission to School

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Any child may enter kindergarten if he or she has reached the age of five years or will reach such age on or before October 15 of the current year. The board of education may admit a child who will reach the age of five between October 16 and February 1 of the current year if the parents or guardian requests such entrance and provides an affidavit stating that (1) the child attended kindergarten in another jurisdiction in the current school year, or (2) the family anticipates a relocation to another jurisdiction during the current school year which will accept a child of this age.

Students entering the first grade must have satisfactorily completed a kindergarten program unless they are entering from a jurisdiction, which did not have a kindergarten program.

The parents or the guardian will be requested to present an official birth certificate for any child seeking admission in this school district at the kindergarten level or transferring into the school district for the first time. A physical examination by a qualified physician, a physician's assistant, or nurse practitioner shall be required of all children within six months prior to the entrance of a child in kindergarten and the seventh grade or, in the case of a transfer from out of state, to any other grade, except that no such physical examination shall be required of any child whose parents or guardian objects in writing. The cost of such physical examination shall be borne by the parents or guardian.

All children entering school in this school district shall be protected against measles, mumps, rubella, poliomyelitis, diphtheria, pertussis, hepatitis, and tetanus by immunization prior to enrollment of each school year for original enrollees or, in the case of a student transferring from another jurisdiction the child may be provisionally enrolled if the parents or guardian will provide an affidavit stating that the child has begun the immunizations required and will complete the process within sixty days after the enrollment date. Refer to AR-5105, Immunization Guidelines.

At the time the parents or guardian of any child are notified that a physical examination or immunizations are required, they shall also be notified of their right to submit a written statement refusing a physical examination or immunization for the

child. Any refusal must be based upon a written statement form signed by a physician, a physician assistant, or an advanced practice registered nurse stating that such immunizations would be injurious to the health and well-being of the student or any member of the student's family or household; or that such immunizations would conflict the tenets and practice of a recognized religious denomination of which the student is a member or that the immunizations conflicts with the personal and sincerely followed religious beliefs of the student.

Legal Reference:	§79-214	Admission of Children, First
	Through	Grade, Kindergarten Age,
	§79-222	Evidence of Physical
		Examination, Student
		Protection Against Certain
		Diseases,
		Right of Refusal.