

POLICY 5210  
ENTRANCE AGE

A child may be admitted to 4 year old kindergarten in the District if four (4) years old on or before September 1 and kindergarten if five (5) years old on or before September 1. In the year the child proposes to enter school a child may be admitted to the first grade if the child is six (6) years old on or before September 1. A child who is six (6) years old on or before September 1 must complete a five (5) year old kindergarten program as a prerequisite to being admitted to first grade. Exception to this prerequisite is a student who is six (6) years old on or before September 1 that transfers into the District from a state where completion of kindergarten is not a prerequisite for first grade or they were exempted in a previous district.

**LEGAL REF.:** Wisconsin Statutes

115.28(8)	Admission to kindergarten and first grade
115.80(4)	Individualized education program
118.14(1)(am)	Age of Pupils
121.02(1)(d)	School district standards

**CROSS REF.:** 5200      School Admissions  
5116.2      Individual Education Program

**ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS:**      None

**AFFIRMED:**      August 13, 1991

**REVISED:**      May 27, 1997  
September 14, 1999  
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Except as outlined below, no child may be admitted to kindergarten unless the child is five (5) years old on or before September 1 in the year the child proposes to enter school, and no child may be admitted to first grade unless the child is six (6) years old on or before September 1. A District certification form attesting to the age of the child shall be signed by the parent/guardian in the presence of a District employee for school admission. Proof of age shall consist of a birth certificate, medical record, or baptismal certificate. A parent/guardian failing to provide proof of age shall be referred to the Assistant Superintendent of School Leadership – Elementary who will make a recommendation to the Superintendent of Schools for final disposition. Procedures to be used in determining early admission are as follows:

1. A child who becomes five years old after September 1 and before October 1 of the same year may be considered for early admission to kindergarten. A child who turns six during the same period may also be considered for admission to first grade.
2. Application is to be made through the building principal prior to June 1 of the year in which the child is to enroll.
3. A kindergarten classroom visitation will be scheduled.
4. Evaluation of the child, at no cost to the parent/guardian, shall be made by designated professional personnel. The student should be in the top ten percent of their age group (91<sup>st</sup> percentile or above in all abilities - intellect, academic readiness, fine motor development, and social maturity in order to be recommended for Early Entrance).
5. After the evaluation has been completed, a conference with school personnel and the parent/guardian shall be held to consider the appropriateness of early admission. On the basis of the evaluation findings, the Superintendent/designee may authorize early admission of the child.
6. A student who transfers from a kindergarten or first grade class in another district and has not attained the proper age by September 1 may be placed following a review by the Assistant Superintendent of School Leadership – Elementary.