

HAMBURG AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: PUPILS

TITLE: ADMISSION OF STUDENTS

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201. ADMISSION OF STUDENTS	
<p>1. Authority SC 1301 Title 22 Sec. 11.12, 11.41</p>	<p>The Board shall establish age requirements for the admission of students to first grade and to kindergarten that are consistent with state law and regulations.</p>
<p>2. Guidelines SC 1304, 1326</p>	<p><u>First Grade</u></p> <p>Beginners are students entering the lowest grade of the primary school above the kindergarten level. Beginners shall be admitted to school during the first two (2) weeks of the annual school term and thereafter at the district's discretion. A child who is eight (8) years of age shall be admitted to school at any time during the school year.</p>
<p>SC 1304 Title 22 Sec. 11.15</p>	<p>The Board establishes the district's entry age for beginners as at least six (6) years before September 1.</p>
<p>Title 22 Sec. 11.16</p>	<p>The Board may admit as a beginner a child who is five (5) years old and demonstrates readiness for entry by the first day of the school term, upon the written request of the parent/guardian, recommendation of the district psychologist, and approval of the Superintendent.</p>
<p>Title 22 Sec. 11.16</p>	<p>The Board is not required to admit as a beginner any child whose age is less than the district's established admission age for beginners.</p>
<p>Pol. 206</p>	<p>If a child transfers into the district from another public school district in Pennsylvania with a different age policy, and has completed at least forty-five (45) days in attendance, this child will be admitted to first grade. If less than forty-five (45) days have been completed, or if the child had attended or is attending a nonpublic school first grade program, the child's eligibility is determined on the basis of Board policy. The child's previous experiences, readiness level and the compatibility of the programs will be used in this determination.</p>

<p>Title 22 Sec. 11.14</p> <p>Pol. 206</p> <p>Pol. 215</p> <p>3. Delegation of Responsibility Pol. 200, 203</p>	<p><u>Kindergarten</u></p> <p>The Board establishes the district’s entry age for kindergarten as at least five (5) years by September 1.</p> <p>If a child transfers into the district from another public school district in Pennsylvania with a different age policy, and has completed at least forty-five (45) days in attendance, this child will be admitted to kindergarten. If less than forty-five (45) days have been completed or if the child had attended or is attending a nonpublic school kindergarten program, the child’s eligibility is determined on a case-by-case basis. The child’s previous experiences, readiness level, and the comparability of the programs will be used in this determination.</p> <p>A child may not be required to repeat kindergarten. However, the child may be permitted to repeat kindergarten if the parent(s)/guardian(s) and the Elementary Principal agree it would be desirable. In no case shall a child be allowed to spend more than two (2) full years in kindergarten.</p> <p>The Superintendent or designee shall require that the parent/guardian of each student who registers for entrance to school shall submit proof of age, residency, and required immunizations.</p> <p>References:</p> <p>School Code – 24 P.S. Sec. 503, 1301, 1304, 1326</p> <p>State Board of Education Regulations – 22 PA Code Sec. 4.41, 11.12, 11.14, 11.15, 11.16, 11.41</p> <p>Board Policy – 200, 203, 206, 215</p>
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