

# DERRY TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: STUDENTS

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 beginning students that are consistent with statute and sound educational practice and ensure the equitable treatment of all eligible children.</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. They shall be admitted to school only 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 may begin school at any time during the school year.</p>
<p>SC 1304 Title 22 Sec. 11.15</p>	<p>A beginner is eligible for admission to first grade if the child has attained the age of six (6) years before the first day of September.</p>
<p>Title 22 Sec. 11.16</p>	<p>The board may, on the written request of the parent/guardian, admit as a beginner a child whose chronological age is not less than five (5) years but whose mental age is seven (7) years before the first day of September, when recommended by the school psychologist and approved by the superintendent.</p>
<p>Title 22 Sec. 11.16</p>	<p>The board is not required to admit as a beginner any child whose chronological age is less than the district's established admission age.</p>
<p>Title 22 Sec. 11.14</p>	<p><u>Kindergarten</u></p> <p>A child is eligible for admission to kindergarten if s/he has attained the age of five (5) years before the first day of September. Admission of student enrollment to kindergarten will be limited to the first two (2) weeks of school. Kindergarten enrollment beyond this date is limited to students who were previously registered in an accredited program elsewhere and whom meet the minimum age requirement of being (5) years before the first day of September.</p>

New Residents

Students who were enrolled in an accredited kindergarten or first grade in another school district or state-approved school, immediately prior to their parents/guardians becoming residents of the Derry Township School District, will be permitted to continue their education at the same instructional level provided the parent/guardian can submit documentation and evidence of the academic and social achievement at the appropriate level.

Should a child move into the district after October 1 of any school year who had not previously been enrolled in kindergarten, admission to kindergarten shall be delayed until the following year.

Early Admission

For students who do not meet the district's age requirement, early admission will be considered upon the district's evaluation of the educational assessments provided by the parent/guardian to the school district for students who are enrolled in other school districts or state-approved programs.

There will be no exceptions made if a child does not meet the entrance requirements and is not currently enrolled or has not completed a state-approved or school district kindergarten or first grade program.

Acceptable Evidences Of Age For Admission

Documentation of age required for admission to the Derry Township School District may be satisfied by one (1) of the following:

1. Duly attested transcript of the birth certificate.
2. Baptismal certificate or transcript of the record of baptism, duly certified and showing the date of birth.
3. Passport.
4. An official Commonwealth of Pennsylvania transfer card or a reasonable facsimile from the sending school or a transferring student.
5. In case none of the aforesaid proofs of age shall be obtainable, other documentary record of age shall be reviewed for consideration by the building principal.

<p>3. Delegation of Responsibility Pol. 200, 203</p>	<p>The superintendent or designee shall require that each student who registers for entrance to school exhibit approved documentation as proof of age and birthdate, along with proof of 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</p>
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