

SECTION: PUPILS

TITLE: ADMISSION OF BEGINNERS

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# Palmyra Area School District

201. ADMISSION OF BEGINNERS	
1. PURPOSE	The Board shall establish age requirements for the admission of beginners which are consistent with statute and sound educational practice and which ensure the equitable treatment of all eligible children.
2. AUTHORITY	<p><u>Entrance Age - Kindergarten and Grade One</u></p> <p>For entrance to kindergarten, a child shall have attained the chronological age of five (5) years prior to August 15.</p> <p>For entrance to grade 1, a child shall have attained the chronological age of (6) years prior to August 15.</p> <p>Registration for kindergarten classes shall basically be conducted in the spring of the school year preceding the school year for which a child is eligible. The purposes of the registrations are to obtain data relating to the child and his/her family, place of residence, health history, proof of age, and other procedures that would be deemed relevant.</p> <p><u>Early Admissions Procedure - Exceptional Child</u></p> <p>The parents of the child who does not meet the chronological age requirement shall request the school district to screen the child for early admittance to school. The screening process will include a standardized mental ability test, a standardized achievement test, and a standardized maturity inventory completed by the parents.</p> <p>Criteria:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li><u>Ability Screening</u> Child shall have at least an intellectual quotient of 135 as measured on a standardized mental ability test.</li></ol>

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2. Academic Screening

Child shall have at least an equivalent of readiness as indicated on a standardized readiness or inventory test.

3. Parent Screening

Parents will complete a standardized social maturity inventory to assist in determining the social and emotional adeptness of the child.

If the criteria are met, the child shall be referred to the psychologist for a final evaluation. Otherwise, the child shall be denied admission.

The psychologist shall follow the criteria stated initially in this paper. If the child meets the criteria an appropriate assignment will be given.

Time Schedule

A parent may request the school district to screen the child after March first.

The intent is to identify, screen, and evaluate a child by June.

Students not identified during the March through May period may be screened and evaluated the week prior to the opening of school.

Probation

A student who meets the criteria for early admission will enter school on a probational period of sixty (60) school days. The school or the parent has the option to terminate attendance and reenter the child the following school term.

In the event consideration is given to terminating attendance, a child study meeting shall occur consisting of a principal, teacher, psychologist, and the parents. Termination shall be deemed appropriate if the child is not succeeding academically or the social, emotional adjustment is not within normal expectations.

School Code  
1301, 1304  
1326, 1925

PA Code  
Title 22  
Sec. 11.14  
et seq,  
11.15,  
11.16

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