

SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP 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 and ensures the equitable treatment of all eligible students.</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 six (6) years on or before the first day of the school term.</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>In the case of students applying for admission to first grade following attendance at kindergarten, the district shall certify, by letter or by records, that the student has satisfactorily completed a kindergarten program approved by the Pennsylvania Department of Education or other appropriate Department of Education.</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>Title 22 Sec. 11.14</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 five (5) years on or before the first day of the school term.</p> <p><u>Admission Exceptions</u></p> <p>The Board recognizes that some younger children may be able to succeed in school. Admission exceptions may be granted under the following conditions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. All requests for exceptions shall be directed to the Office of Special Education and Student Support Services on or before May 1 of each year. An exception shall be made for students moving into the district between May 1 and the first day of school.2. No exceptions shall be considered for children who shall be less than four (4) years on or before the first day of the school term or reach five (5) years of age after October 31.3. Each child shall be screened to determine eligibility for early admission. In addition to screening, a subjective assessment shall be conducted to determine a child’s physical, social and emotional maturity.4. Parents/Guardians shall be informed in writing of the screening results on or before June 15. If the child shall be recommended for kindergarten, the Superintendent or designee shall notify the appropriate elementary school. <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</p>
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