

546 INITIAL ADMISSION AND PLACEMENT

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to establish a uniform policy on initial admission and placement in the elementary school.

II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY

A. Children may be enrolled in kindergarten as soon as it can be demonstrated that they are mature enough to profit from the school's instruction.

B. Children may be routinely admitted into kindergarten who have attained minimum ages as specified in the law: Minnesota Statutes Section 120A.20, Sub 1

“No person shall be admitted to any public school after September 1, 1971, (1) as a kindergarten student, unless he/she is at least five years of age on September 1 of the calendar year in which the school year for which he/she seeks admission commences; or (2) as a first grade student, unless he/she is at least six years of age on September 1 of the calendar year in which the school year for which he/she seeks admission commences or has completed kindergarten; except that any school board may establish a policy for admission of selected pupils at an earlier age.”

2. An official document (birth certificate, Visa) shall be required to verify age at the time of registration.

C. Children who have not attained the minimum entrance age may be considered for admission to kindergarten on the basis of an evaluation of social, emotional, physical, and intellectual maturity as determined by district early entrance procedures.

D. Children with disabilities are eligible for special education services beginning at birth or as soon as they are identified. An assessment will be required to substantiate eligibility.

E. Children who are admitted to the district's schools by transfer from non-public schools or from schools outside the district will be placed initially at the grade they would have reached elsewhere pending their observation by classroom teachers, special education personnel, and principal. After such observations and evaluations have been completed, the principal will determine the final placement of the children.

Legal References: Minnesota Statutes Section 120A.20, Sub 1

Cross References:

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