

## DE SOTO AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

421

### ENTRANCE AGE

The Board of Education shall establish student entrance age requirements which are consistent with Wisconsin Law and sound educational practice and which ensure equitable treatment.

#### A. Kindergarten

A child is eligible for entrance into four year old kindergarten if s/he attains the age of four (4) on or before September 1<sup>st</sup>. A child is eligible for five year old kindergarten when s/he attains the age of five (5) on or before September 1<sup>st</sup> of the year in which s/he applies for entrance and meets residence requirements. The child may not be placed in an alternative program without permission of the parent.

#### B. First Grade

A child must be six (6) years of age on or before September 1<sup>st</sup> in the year in which s/he enrolls. A student must have completed a kindergarten program or must receive a waiver of this requirement.

Any student who has not completed a 5-year old kindergarten program, but seeks to enroll into first grade must receive a waiver of the requirement. The following students are eligible to receive a waiver:

1. Any student who has moved to the District from another state or country where completion of a 5-year old kindergarten program is a prerequisite to enrollment in first grade and that student has received a waiver of the requirement in his or her prior state or country.
2. Any student who has moved to the District from another state or country that does not require the completion of 5-year old kindergarten prior to enrollment in first grade.
3. Any student who, at the discretion of the building principal, in consultation with the first grade teacher(s) of the District, determines that, notwithstanding that the student has not completed a 5-year old kindergarten program, the student has demonstrated sufficient aptitude in all core competencies normally required of kindergarten students in the District upon completion of the kindergarten program.

The principal shall perform any required testing to establish the student's academic capabilities and shall prepare a written evaluation that either grants or denies the waiver and provides explanation as to the decision.

## Appeal of Denial of Waiver

The parents or any student denied a waiver under this section by the building principal may appeal that decision to the District Administrator by submitting a written request to the Administrator within 10 days of the decision of the principal.

The parents of any student denied a waiver by the District Administrator may appeal the decision to the Board by submitting a written request to the District Administrator within 10 days of the decision by the Administrator. The District Administrator shall notify the Board President and a meeting shall be scheduled with the parents. The decision of the Board is final.

### C. Early Admission

The District shall prescribe procedures, conditions, and standards for early admission to kindergarten and first grade.

### D. Older Students

A person who is a resident of the District and over twenty (20) years of age may enroll providing the District Administrator does not think his/her enrollment will interfere with the education of the other students.

LEGAL REF.: WI. Stats. 118.14, 118.15, 120.12(25)

CROSS REF.: 421-Rule, Guidelines for Early Admission to Kindergarten/First Grade

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