

# EASTON AREA 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 beginners, which are consistent with sound educational practice, ensure the equitable treatment of all eligible children, and are consistent with law and regulation.</p>
<p>2. Guidelines SC 1304, 1326 Title 22 Sec. 11.16</p>	<p>Initial admission to kindergarten or first grade shall be on the basis of chronological age. Students will be admitted to kindergarten or first grade no later than the first two (2) weeks of school. The Board may, upon request of the parent/guardian, admit as a kindergarten or first grade student, children whose chronological age is less than the requirement, but who demonstrate exceptional readiness. The procedures for early admission are defined below.</p>
<p>Title 22 Sec. 11.14</p>	<p><u>Kindergarten</u></p> <p>The entrance age for kindergarten students shall be five (5) years or more before the first student day of the beginning of the school year. This age requirement also applies to out-of-state, public, and private school transfer students.</p> <p>In the event that a student has attended kindergarten in Pennsylvania and moves into the Easton Area School District, the student will not be required to repeat kindergarten, even though the student does not meet the age requirements. A student moving into the district from another state, who is already attending kindergarten, will be considered for kindergarten placement based on previous experiences and their compatibility with the program offered by the district, as determined by Easton Area School District grade level reading and math assessments (DIBELS, DRA, EASD Mathematics Assessment).</p>

Early Enrollment In Kindergarten

To be considered for early enrollment:

1. The parent/guardian shall write a letter to the Director of Elementary Education requesting early enrollment and the reasons they believe the child is ready for early entrance into school. The written request shall be made no later than April 1 of the year in which enrollment is being sought.
2. The student shall be at least four (4) years nine (9) months old before the start of school in which admission is being sought before consideration will be given for early enrollment.
3. The student shall be referred to the assessment team. The following procedures are provided for students seeking early enrollment:
  - a. Screening by guidance counselor at building – Kauffman Brief Intelligence Test (April 1 – June 1).
  - b. Psychologists administer full cognitive assessment (prior to July 1).
  - c. District assessment team makes decisions on early enrollment and informs parent/guardian (prior to July 1).
  - d. The Director of Elementary Education will provide a list of possible early admissions for the Superintendent for the July Board meeting.

A student will be eligible for early enrollment if the following criteria are met. To progress to the next level, the needed qualifying score must be achieved:

1. Overall score of 130 on the Kauffman Brief Intelligence Test.
2. Vineland Adaptive Behavior Scale – Age equivalent scores must be 6.9 in all areas – Parent/Preschool teacher.
3. Observation Scales – performed by the district assessment team.
4. Cognitive Battery – Stanford Binet 4<sup>th</sup> Edition – a minimal score of 115.

<p>SC 1304 Title 22 Sec. 11.15</p>	<p><u>First Grade</u></p> <p>The entrance age for first grade students shall be six (6) years or more before the first student day of the beginning of the school year. This age requirement also applies to out-of-state, public, and private school transfer students.</p> <p>In the event that a student has attended first grade in Pennsylvania and moves into the Easton Area School District, the student will not be required to repeat first grade, even though the student does not meet the age requirements. A student moving into the district from another state who is already attending first grade will be considered for first grade placement based on previous experiences and their compatibility with the program offered by the district as determined by Easton Area School District grade level reading and math assessments (DIBELS, DRA, EASD Mathematics Assessment).</p>
<p>Title 22 Sec. 11.16</p>	<p><u>Early Enrollment In First Grade</u></p> <p>To be considered for early enrollment:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The parent/guardian must write a letter to the Director of Elementary Education requesting early enrollment and the reasons they believe the child is ready for early entrance into school. The written request shall be made no later than April 1 of the year in which enrollment is being sought.</li> <li>2. The student shall be at least five (5) years nine (9) months old before the start of school in which admission is being sought before consideration will be given for early enrollment.</li> <li>3. The student shall be referred to the assessment team. The following procedures are provided for students seeking early enrollment:             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Screening by guidance counselor at building – Kauffman Brief Intelligence Test (April 1 – June 1).</li> <li>b. Psychologists administer full cognitive assessment (prior to July 1).</li> <li>c. The district assessment team makes decisions on early enrollment and informs parent/guardian (prior to July 1).</li> <li>d. The Director of Elementary Education will provide a list of possible early admissions for the Superintendent for the July Board meeting.</li> </ol> </li> </ol>

<p>School Code 503, 1301, 1304, 1326, 1925</p> <p>PA Code Title 22 Sec. 4.41, 11.14, 11.15, 11.16, 11.41</p> <p>Opinion, Attorney General 71 Op. A.G. 74</p>	<p>A student will be eligible for early enrollment if the following criteria are met. To progress to the next level, the needed qualifying score must be achieved:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Overall score of 130 on the Kauffman Brief Intelligence Test.</li><li>2. Vineland Adaptive Behavior Scale – Age-equivalent scores must be 7.9 in all areas – Parent/Preschool teacher.</li><li>3. Development Reading Assessment – Level 8: 95% word accuracy, score of 20 – 24 on the Comprehension Rubric.</li><li>4. Observation Scales – performed by the district assessment team.</li><li>5. Cognitive Battery – Stanford Binet 4<sup>th</sup> Edition – a minimal score of 115.</li></ol>
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