



Policy: 9.05

SUBJECT: **ENTRANCE AGE**

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1.0 Policy

To be admitted to kindergarten, a child must be five years of age on or before December 1 of the current school year; for admission to first grade, a child must be six years of age before December 1 of the current school year. If a child becomes six years of age on or after December 1, the child will be enrolled in the first grade the following school year.

Validation of Birthdates

1. Birth certificates are the preferred evidence of age for children.
2. Validation of birthdates is a responsibility of the principal.
3. The attendance department is prepared to assist the schools in obtaining the satisfactory evidence of age in the following manner:
 - a. It is expected that the school will make a reasonable effort to induce the parent to submit a birth certificate, or in lieu of this, a baptismal record or other bona fide contemporary record of birth.
 - b. When parents have submitted evidence sufficient to prove there is no birth certificate or other acceptable evidence of age, the school may accept a sworn statement of the parent or guardian. Schools may direct such parents to the supervisor of any attendance center, who will assist in the preparation of and notarize the sworn statement. Parents so directed should be advised by the schools that they must present written evidence supporting the fact that the birth certificate is not obtainable at the time the sworn statement is prepared.
4. If the parent refuses or fails to cooperate, the schools may refer such cases to the attendance supervisor.

Attachments to Policy 9.05: None

See also: None

Legal References: MCLA § 380.1147
MCLA § 380.1561(2)

Labor Contract References: None