

# POLICY

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## ENTRANCE AGE

The Board of Education shall establish entrance age requirements for students which are consistent with statute and sound educational practice and which insure the equitable treatment of all eligible children.

### A. Prekindergarten

2013/14 - A child is eligible for entrance into Pre-K 3 if he/she attains the age of three or before September 1, 2013. A child is eligible for entrance into Pre-K 4 if he/she attains the age of four on or before October 1, 2013.

2014/15 – A child is eligible for entrance into Pre-K if he/she attains the age of three or before September 1, 2013.

2015/16 and all subsequent years a child is eligible for entrance into Pre-K if he/she attains the age of three on or before September 1 of the year he/she applies for entrance.

Any child who attains the age of three on or before December 1 of the year they wish to begin Prekindergarten must be allowed to do so if the parent notifies the district of their intention in writing.

Children attending the pre-kindergarten program operated by the Children's Programs Department shall be charged tuition in accordance with the policy of the Board.

Eligibility of students for District programs funded by State and Federal sources shall be determined according to the State and Federal guidelines for the program. Nothing contained in this policy is intended to omit eligibility under State and Federal laws.

### B. Kindergarten

2013/14 - A child is eligible for entrance into kindergarten if he/she attains the age of five on or before November 1 of the year in which he/she applies for entrance.

2014/15 - A child is eligible for entrance into kindergarten if he/she attains the age of five on or before October 1 of the year in which he/she applies for entrance.

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Any child who attains the age of five on or before December 1 of the year they wish to begin kindergarten must be allowed to do so if the parent notifies the district of their intention in writing by June 1 of that year. If the family is not a resident of the district on June 1, they then have until August 1 to notify the district in writing of their intention that their child begins kindergarten early. The early enrollment decision is entirely up to the parent. Assessments, meetings and district recommendations cannot be mandated components of this process.

## C. First Grade

The Board may admit to first grade students who are five years old and who have demonstrated the developmental maturity and academic ability to be successful in a first grade environment.

## D. Pre-school Children with Disabilities

Educational programs shall be provided within the District or through a Center Program in a neighboring district for Pre-School children with disabilities in accordance with the Michigan Administration rules for special education and the child's Individual Education Program (IEP). Each applicant shall be evaluated by a Multidisciplinary Evaluation Team (MET). Eligibility and placement are determined by the Individualized Education Program Team (IEPT). If a child has not attained the age of five in accordance with PA 198 and 199 of 2012, but will be five by December 1, the IEP will determine kindergarten entry in lieu of a kindergarten waiver.

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