

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, 11.14</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</p>	<p>Beginners shall mean those students less than eight (8) years of age entering first grade. The term beginners does not include first-grade students who transfer from another school.</p>
<p>SC 1304, 1326</p>	<p>Initial admission to kindergarten or first grade shall be on the basis of chronological age. Students Beginners will not be admitted to first grade no later than after the first two (2) weeks of school. Kindergarten and first grade students who transfer into the district from another school shall be permitted to do so beyond the first two (2) weeks of the school year.</p>
<p>SC 1304 Title 22 Sec. 11.15</p>	<p>Kindergarten – The entrance age for kindergarten students shall be five (5) years or more on or before September 1 of the school year for which admission is being sought. This age requirement also applies to out-of-state, public, and private school transfer students.</p> <p>First Grade – The entrance age for first grade students shall be six (6) years or more on or before September 1 of the school year for which admission is being sought. This age requirement also applies to out-of-state, public, and private school transfer students.</p>

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In the event that a student has successfully attended a full year of kindergarten or first grade in Pennsylvania and moves into the Easton Area School District, the student will not be required to repeat kindergarten or first grade, even though exclusively due to the fact that the student does not meet the age requirements at EASD. A student moving into the district from another state who is already attending kindergarten or first grade will be considered for kindergarten or 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).

Admission testing will be available for any child for the 2012-13 school year provided that the parent/guardian has made a request in writing to the EASD Director of Teaching and Learning on or before April 16, 2012.

References:

School Code – 24 P.S. Sec. 503, 1301, 1304, 1326

State Board of Education Regulations – 22 PA Code Sec. 4.41, 11.12, 11.14, 11.15, 11.16, 11.41

Board Policy – 203