

Age of Students/Early Admission

Code #421.00

Professional school personnel shall screen all children for the Tri-County Area School District's PreK and Kindergarten education program using acceptable screening criteria practices accredited by professionally trained school practitioners in Kindergarten education. The Board believes it is in only the most extraordinary and exceptional case that early admission to school is possibly appropriate or a benefit to the child admitted early.

It is the policy of the Board that, except as provided in Policy #421.00AR:

1. No child may be admitted to a 4-year-old Kindergarten unless he/she is 4 years old on or before September 1 in the year that he/she proposes to enter school.
2. No child may be admitted to a 5-year-old Kindergarten unless he/she is 5 years old on or before September 1 in the year that he/she proposes to enter school.
3. No child may be admitted to 1st grade unless he/she is 6 years old on or before September 1 in the year he/she proposes to enter school. All children are required to complete 5-year-old Kindergarten as a prerequisite to being admitted to 1st grade, except as follows:
 - Before either commencing or completing 1st grade, the child moved into Wisconsin from a state, country, or territory in which completion of 5-year old Kindergarten is not a prerequisite to entering first grade.
 - Before either commencing or completing 1st grade, the child moved into Wisconsin from a state, country, or territory in which completion of 5-year-old-Kindergarten is a prerequisite to entering 1st grade and the child was exempted from the requirements to complete 5-year-old kindergarten in the state, country or territory from which the child moved.

A resident over 20 years of age may be admitted to school when in the judgment of the Board the resident will not interfere with the pupils of school age.

Notice of this policy shall be printed yearly in the District newsletter.

Legal Reference: Sections 118.13, 118.14, 118.33(6)(cm) and 120.12(25), Wisconsin Statutes

Cross Reference: 342.05AR , Title I and 4 Year Old Kindergarten Programs (Admin. Rule)
420.00, School Admissions
421.00AR, Entrance Age/Early Admission Administrative Rule
421.00 Exhibit, Application for Early Admission to Kindergarten/First Grade

423.00 Open Enrollment (Full-time) Program
435.00, Student Transfers & Withdrawals
435.00AR, Student Transfers & withdrawals (Admin. Rule)

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