

# EAST STROUDSBURG 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. 11.41</p>	<p>The Board shall establish age requirements for the admission of beginning students which are consistent with statute and sound educational practice and ensure the equitable treatment of all eligible children.</p>
<p>2. Guidelines                       SC 1304, 1326</p>	<p><u>First Grade</u></p> <p>Beginners are students entering the lowest grade of the primary school above the kindergarten level. They shall be admitted to school only <del>during the first two (2) weeks</del> <u>through October 1st</u> of the annual school term, except that a child who is eight (8) years of age may begin school at any time during the school year.</p>
<p>SC 1304</p>	<p>The entrance age for first grade students in the school district shall be six (6) years or more on or before September 9<sup>th</sup> of each school term with the maximum entry age for beginners to be eight (8) years. This age requirement also applies to out of state, public and private school transfer students.</p> <p>If a child has not met the age requirement of at least six (6) years by the September 9<sup>th</sup> of that school term, but has spent at least until December 31 of that school term in an approved first grade program or has successfully completed an approved kindergarten program which is comprised of at least 450 instructional hours, that child will be considered for admission to first grade in the school district under the following conditions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Written recommendation and academic documentation from the sending school.</li> <li>2. The school principal will make a decision whether or not to admit the student to first grade after reviewing the documentation submitted and consulting with the guidance counselor, reading specialist, and/or other designated staff members.</li> </ol>
<p>Title 22                      Sec. 11.16</p>	<p>The Board is not required to admit as a beginner any child whose chronological age is less than the school district's established admission age.</p>

