

SECTION: PUPILS

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# EAST STROUDSBURG AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

201. ADMISSION OF STUDENTS	
1. Authority SC 1301 Title 22 Sec. 11.41	The Board shall establish age requirements for the admission of students to first grade and to kindergarten that are consistent with state law and regulations.
2. Guidelines  SC 1304, 1326	<p><u>First Grade</u></p> <p>Beginners are students entering the lowest grade of the primary school above the kindergarten level. <del>They shall be admitted to school only through October 1st 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.</del></p>
SC 1304	<p>The entrance age for first grade students in the school district shall be six (6) years <del>or more</del> on or before September 9<sup>th</sup> of each school term. <del>Beginning with the academic year 2020-2021, c</del>Compulsory school age shall mean no later than age six (6) <u>and until age eighteen (18) or graduation, whichever occurs sooner</u>. 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 <del>the</del> 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/or 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>

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<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> <p>The Board may admit as beginner any child who has successfully completed the school district's kindergarten program.</p> <p><u>Kindergarten</u></p>
<p>Title 22 Sec. 11.14</p>	<p>The entrance age for kindergarten students of the school district shall be five (5) years or more on or before September 9<sup>th</sup> of each school term. This age requirement also applies to out of state, public and private school transfer students.</p> <p>If a child who has not met the age requirement of at least five (5) years by September 9<sup>th</sup> of that school term, but has spent at least until December 31 of that school term in an approved kindergarten program; that child will be considered for admission to kindergarten in the school district under the following conditions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Written recommendation and/or academic documentation from the sending school.</li><li>2. The school principal will make a decision whether or not to admit the student to kindergarten after reviewing the documentation submitted and consulting with the guidance counselor, reading specialist, and/or other designated staff members.</li></ol>
<p>3. Delegation of Responsibility Pol. 203</p>	<p>The Superintendent <u>or designee</u> shall require that each student who registers for entrance to school exhibit his/her birth certificate or similar documentation as proof of age and birthdate, proof of residency, along with proof of required immunization.</p>