

EARLY AGE ENTRANCE

- A. A child who is six years of age on or before September 1 preceding the beginning of the school year may enter the first grade.
- B. A child who is five years of age on or before September 1 preceding the beginning of the school year may enter kindergarten.
- C. An underage child may be admitted to a public school in the school district of which the child is a resident at the discretion of the superintendent if the child meets the following minimum standards prescribed by the board evidencing that the child has the mental, physical and emotional capacity to perform satisfactorily for the educational program being offered.
1. The parents must submit to the superintendent a statement asking the school district to consider early entrance into school for their child. The request should include the specific reasons why it would be in the best interests of the child to enter school early.
 2. A child study team consisting of the principal, parents/guardians, teacher(s), and others as may be needed, will be established.
 3. If the child study team determines that there are sufficient reasons to continue, the current kindergarten-screening device being used in the district and/or other assessments will be administered to the child.
 4. The child study team will review the results of the screening that was administered to determine if the child ranked within the majority of scores expected of entering 1st grade/kindergarten children. The child study team will discuss the emotional, social, intellectual, and behavioral developmental levels of the child to determine the likelihood of the child's capacity to perform satisfactorily at grade level and continue through to each subsequent grade level without retention.
 5. The principal will give a written recommendation to the superintendent for consideration.
 6. If the parents are not satisfied with the determination of the child study team, the parents may arrange an evaluation of the child at their own expense by a licensed school or clinical psychologist and an occupational therapist. A written report and recommendation will be sent to the superintendent with the following:
 - A measure of intellectual ability
 - A measure of academic readiness
 - A test of visual-motor and fine motor skills
 - An adaptive behavior measure of maturity/independence
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- D. Kindergarten and first grade students entering from another state or from another school district in Alaska shall be accepted if enrolled in the former school in accordance with the laws and regulations of that state or school district.
- E. A child who is at least three years of age and is determined to be handicapped by a child study team shall receive educational services as provided for in AS 14.30.180.

Legal References: 14.03.080, *Right to Attend School*
 4AAC 09.015, Student Count; Intensive Services Funding

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