1. Authority

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.

2. Guidelines

Children who are entering kindergarten should be five years of age on or before September 1.

Children who are entering first grade, with no previous kindergarten experience, should be six years of age on or before September 1.

In the event a student has attended kindergarten in a public school in Pennsylvania or a public school in another state, and moved into the District, the student will not be required to repeat kindergarten even though the student does not meet the age requirement.

A student moving into the District from a public school in Pennsylvania or a public school in another state, during the school year, will be considered for kindergarten placement based on previous experience and compatibility with the program offered by the District.

In cases where the parent/guardian of a September-birthday child feel the child is ready for school, the parent/guardian may request District-administered academic achievement testing. The parent/guardian will, in writing to the Superintendent or Director of Student Services, request testing and the reasons they believe their child is ready for early entrance into school. The written request shall be made no later than June 1 of the year in which enrollment is being sought. This testing will determine whether or not the child demonstrates at least one standard deviation above the mean on academic achievement testing, showing advancement in both the areas of reading and math, the District standard for admission below the minimum age requirement. A District certified school psychologist will administer the test and report on his/her findings; the Director of Student Services and/or Superintendent will review the report and render a final decision.
The parent/guardian must pay a non-refundable amount of $250 in advance of testing for this service. The District will not consider any independent evaluation done outside the District. The results of the tests administered by the District are final; there is no appeal.

The fee for testing is subject to periodic increases to reflect more closely the actual cost for the District. The testing fees will be waived if the parent/guardian can show their household income is within the limits of the Federal Eligibility Income Guidelines as outlined on the free/reduced lunch application. The access to academic achievement testing is provided only for children with September birthdays.