

## **421.1 - ADMISSION TO FIRST GRADE**

No child shall be admitted to first grade in the District unless he/she is six years of age on or before September 1 of the year he/she proposes to enter first grade.

Exceptions to the entrance age and/or mandatory kindergarten completion requirements shall be granted under the following conditions:

A. A child under the age of six shall be admitted to first grade in the District only if he/she has successfully completed a 5-year-old kindergarten program or its equivalent. Evidence of program completion shall be required.

B. A child who meets the entrance age requirement but has not successfully completed 5-year-old kindergarten shall be admitted to first grade in the District only if the child meets any of the following requirements:

1. Before either commencing or completing first 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;
2. Before either commencing or completing first 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 first grade and the child was exempted from the requirement to complete 5-year-old kindergarten in the state, country or territory from which the child moved; or
3. The child demonstrates to the satisfaction of the First Grade Admission Team that he/she possesses the social, emotional and cognitive skills necessary for placement in first grade. The First Grade Admission Team shall consist of an elementary school principal, a school guidance counselor, a school psychologist and a teacher assigned to teach first grade. Multiple sources of evaluation data shall be used when making this decision.

If a request for first grade admission is denied under this policy, the child's parent or guardian may appeal the decision to the District Administrator. The decision of the District Administrator shall be final.

Legal References: Sections 118.13, 118.14(1), 118.15(1), 118.33(1)(cm) & 120.12(25) of State Statutes

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