

# BETHEL PARK SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: PUPILS

TITLE: ADMISSION OF STUDENTS

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<p>1. Authority SC 1301 Title 22 Sec. 11.12, 11.41</p> <p>2. Guidelines</p> <p>Title 22 Sec. 11.15 SC 1304, 1326</p> <p>Title 22 Sec. 11.16</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">201. ADMISSION OF STUDENTS</p> <p>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. The below age requirements for school admission are adopted in order to meet the needs of district children, and to offer equity to students who may enroll in the district from other school programs.</p> <p><u>First Grade</u></p> <p>Beginners are students entering the lowest grade of the primary school above the kindergarten level. The Board establishes the district’s entry age for beginners as six (6) years by September 1, in accordance with state law and regulations.</p> <p>The Board may admit as a beginner a child who attains a chronological age of six (6) years between September 1 and September 30 and demonstrates readiness for entry by the first day of the school term, upon the written request of the parent/guardian, recommendation of the District School Psychologist, and approval of the Superintendent, pursuant to the criteria set forth in the District Administrative Procedures.</p> <p>The school district has determined that if resident parents/guardians have enrolled their student in an approved kindergarten (as defined below) and the child successfully completes the kindergarten program, then the child may be permitted to start first grade in the district the following school year even if the child has not attained the age of six (6) by the dates specified above. The child will be subject to a grade level assessment by Bethel Park School District to determine appropriate grade placement in accordance with the criteria set forth in the District Administrative Procedures.</p> <p>The Board is not required to admit as a beginner any child whose age is less than the district’s established admission age for beginners.</p> <p>For purposes of this Policy, the District defines “approved school”, as a school that is operated by:</p>
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<p>Title 22 Sec. 11.14</p> <p>3. Delegation of Responsibility Pol. 200, 203</p>	<p>a. This District, or any other public school district;</p> <p>b. A licensed private academic school operating in accordance with the Private Academic Schools Act (24 P.S. Section 6701 et seq.) and regulations thereunder;</p> <p>c. A school accredited by an accrediting association approved by the State Board of Education;</p> <p>d. A school owned and operated by a bona fide religious institution which is following all applicable laws and regulations concerning religious schools; or</p> <p>e. A private school located outside the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania which is following all of its local legal requirements similar to the Pennsylvania requirements specified in items b, c, and d above.</p> <p><u>Kindergarten</u></p> <p>The Board establishes the district’s entry age for kindergarten as five (5) years by September 1, in accordance with state law and regulations.</p> <p>The Board may admit a child into kindergarten who attains a chronological age of five (5) years between September 1 and September 30 and demonstrates readiness for entry by the first day of the school term, upon the written request of the parent/guardian, recommendation of the District School Psychologist, and approval of the Superintendent, pursuant to the criteria set forth in the District Administrative Procedures.</p> <p>The Superintendent or designee shall require that the parent/guardian of each student who registers for entrance to school to submit proof of: age, residency, and required immunizations.</p> <p>References:</p> <p>School Code – 24 P.S. Sec. 503, 1301, 1304, 1326</p> <p>State Board of Education Regulations – 22 PA Code Sec. 4.41, 11.12, 11.14, 11.15, 11.16, 11.41</p> <p>Board Policy – 200, 203</p>
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