

Students

Summary: A child must be 5 years old on or before September 1st of the school year to be eligible for kindergarten admission. Parents/guardians may request early entrance for students who will turn five years old by December 31.

School Admissions and Student Transfers To and From Non-District Schools

Age

To be eligible for kindergarten admission, a child must be 5 years old on or before September 1 of that school term. A child entering first grade must be 6 years of age on or before September 1 of that school term. Based upon an assessment of the child's readiness, a child will be allowed to attend first grade if he or she attended a non-public preschool, continued his or her education at that school through kindergarten, was taught in kindergarten by an appropriately certified teacher, and will be 6 years old on or before December 31 of that school term. A child with exceptional needs who qualifies for special education services is eligible for admission at 3 years of age.

Parents/guardians may request early admission to the District's kindergarten program for a child who will turn 5 years old from September 2 through December 31 of that school term. The decision regarding early admission to kindergarten will be based upon the district's assessment of the child's readiness.

Admission Procedure

All students must register for school each year on the dates and at the place designated by the Superintendent.

Parents/guardians of students enrolling in the District for the first time must present:

1. A certified copy of the student's birth certificate. If a birth certificate is not presented, the Superintendent or designee shall notify in writing the person enrolling the student that within 30 days he or she must provide a certified copy of the student's birth certificate. A student will be enrolled without a birth certificate. When a certified birth certificate is presented, the school shall promptly make a copy for its records, place the copy in the student's temporary record, and return the original to the person enrolling the child. Upon the failure of a person enrolling a student to provide a certified copy of the student's birth certificate within the 30 days, the Superintendent or designee shall immediately notify the appropriate local law enforcement agency; Gurnee Police Department, Lake County Sheriff's Office, Park City Police Department, or Waukegan Police Department of such failure and shall also notify the person enrolling the student in writing that he or she has 10 additional days to comply. (325 ILCS 50/5) Proof of residence, as required by Board policy 7:60 *Residence*.
2. Proof of disease immunization or detection and the required physical examination, as required by State law and Board policy 7:100, *Health, Eye and Dental Examinations, Immunizations, and Exclusion of Students*.

Homeless Children

Any homeless child shall be immediately admitted, even if the child or child's parent/guardian is unable to produce records normally required for enrollment. Board policy 6:140, *Education of Homeless Children*, and its implementing administrative procedure, govern the enrollment of homeless children.

Foster Care Children

The Superintendent will appoint at least one employee to act as a liaison to facilitate the enrollment and transfer of records of students in the legal custody of the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services when enrolling in or changing schools.

Student Transfers To and From Non-District Schools

A student may transfer into or out of the District according to State law and procedures developed by the Superintendent or designee. A student seeking to transfer into the District must serve the entire term of any suspension or expulsion, imposed for any reason by any public or private school, in this or any other state, before being admitted into the School District.

LEGAL REF.: McKinney Homeless Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. §11431 et seq.
Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, 20 U.S.C. §1232.
Illegal Immigrant and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996, 8 U.S.C. §1101.
Individuals With Disabilities Education Improvement Act, 20 U.S.C. §1400 et seq.
Rehabilitation Act, section 504, 29 U.S.C. §794.
105 ILCS 5/2-3.13a, 5/10-20.12, 5/10-22.5a, 5/14-1.02, 5/14-1.03a, 5/26-1, 5/26-2,
5/27-8.1, and 10/8.1, 45/, and 70/.
325 ILCS 50/and 55/.
410 ILCS 315/2e.
325 ILCS 55/1 et seq. and 50/1 et seq.
20 Ill. Admin.Code §Part1.290 Missing Persons Birth Records and School
Registration.
23 Ill.Admin.Code §Part375 Student Records.

CROSS REF.: 6:30 (Organization of Instruction), 6:110 (Programs for Students At Risk of Academic Failure), 6:140 (Education of Homeless Children), 7:50 (School Admissions and Student Transfers To and From Non-District School), 7:60 (Residence), 7:70 (Attendance and Truancy), 7:100 (Health, Eye and Dental Examinations, Immunizations, and Exclusion of Students), 7:340 (Student Records)

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