

# POLICY

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The Board of Education will admit to this district children otherwise eligible by law or Board policy who have attained the age requirements set by law and this Board of Education. The Board requires documentary verification of the age and birth date of any child for whom admission to this district is sought.

#### Early Childhood Education/Preschool

The Board of Education believes that preschool educational experiences contribute to later academic success for all children. Therefore, within the limits of the budget, the Superintendent shall recommend to the Board, for approval, programs designed for district children under the age required for regular admission. Programs shall address the needs of children who have been identified as requiring special education, as well as those who have not been so identified.

The Superintendent shall direct development of approved preschool programs and shall actively seek federal, State and private funding to support them. He/she shall ensure adherence to all, applicable laws and regulations.

Implementing procedures shall address the following:

1. The preschool curriculum shall consist of developmentally appropriate experiences that provide each child with individual opportunities to develop positive self-esteem, social/emotional growth, language skills, motor development and conceptual skill development.
2. All preschool programs sponsored by this Board shall be consistent with the overall philosophy of the school district and shall be articulated with the K-8 curriculum.
3. Each preschool classroom shall be assigned at least one certificated teacher with special training or extensive experience with young children.
4. Proof of immunizations against communicable diseases and examinations shall be in accord with requirements for Kindergarten and first-grade admission.



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5. Programs shall provide parent(s) and/or legal guardian(s) with opportunities to be involved in the educational experiences of their children in order to participate fully as members of the educational team at school, at home and in the community.
6. Preschool classes may serve as laboratories for training teachers in cooperative agreements with colleges or universities.

### Preschool

A child is eligible for entrance into Preschool/Pre-Kindergarten who will have attained the age of four years on or before October 1 of the year in which entrance is sought.

### Preschool Disabled / Pre-Kindergarten Plus

A child is eligible for entrance into a program of special education who has attained his/her third birthday and has been found by the Child Study Team to be eligible for a program for the preschool disabled in accordance with rules of the State Board of Education.

### Kindergarten

A child is eligible for entrance into Kindergarten who will have attained the age of five years on or before October 1 of the year in which entrance is sought. No child will be admitted to Kindergarten who has not met the age requirement set by this policy.

### First Grade

A child is eligible for entrance into first grade who will have attained the age of six years on or before October 1 of the year in which entrance is sought or has completed the Kindergarten program of this district or an equivalent program in another public school and has been recommended by the teacher for advancement to the first grade.

N.J.S.A. 18A:36-19; 18A:38-5; 18A:38-6; 18A:44-1;  
18A:44-2; 18A:46-6; 18A:46-6.1  
N.J.A.C. 6A:14-3.3

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