

Entrance Age

PRESCHOOL

In accordance with appropriate state and federal legal requirements, any child who has been identified as disabled, and who is three (3) or four (4) years of age, by August 1 of the current year, shall be eligible for a free and appropriate preschool education and related services.

Children at risk of educational failure who are four (4) by August 1 may enter preschool. All other four (4) year old children shall be served to the extent placements are available.¹

PRIMARY SCHOOL

A child who is five (5) or who may become five (5) years of age by August 1 may enter primary school and may advance through the primary program without regard to age in accordance with [KRS 158.031](#).

A child who is six (6) years of age, or who may become six (6) years of age by August 1, shall attend public school or qualify for an exemption as provided by [KRS 159.030](#).²

Placement of students within the school's instructional program shall be determined in compliance with school council policies.

EARLY ENTRANCE PRIMARY ONE (P1) PROGRAM (KINDERGARTEN)

Parents/guardians may petition the Board to allow their child to enter school earlier than permitted under statutory age requirements. Students will be eligible to enroll in the Early Entrance Primary One (P1) program provided criteria established by the Board are met. Application for Early Entrance testing must be made in writing prior to June 1 of the proposed entry school year.

CRITERIA FOR EARLY ENTRANCE (P1)

On receipt of application, the District shall conduct an evaluation process to help determine a student's readiness to engage in and benefit from early entry to school. Criteria for Early Entrance include meeting the following:

- A score at or above the 90th percentile on the District approved developmental screening tool.

Considerations may include availability of space and funding. The final determination of placement in an Early Entrance program shall rest with the Principal.

PROOF OF AGE

Upon enrollment for the first time in any elementary or secondary school, a student or student's parent shall provide:

- A certified copy of the student's birth certificate, or
- Other reliable proof of the student's identity and age with an affidavit explaining the inability to produce a copy of the birth certificate.³

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REFERENCES:

¹[KRS 157.3175](#)

²[KRS 158.030](#)

[KRS 158.031](#); [702 KAR 001:160](#); [702 KAR 007:125](#)

[KRS 157.226](#)

[KRS 158.032](#); [KRS 158.035](#); [KRS 159.030](#)

[KRS 158.140](#); [KRS 158.990](#); [KRS 159.010](#); [KRS 214.034](#)

[OAG 82-408](#); [OAG 85-55](#)

P. L. 114-95, (Every Student Succeeds Act of 2015), 20 U.S.C. § 6301 et seq.
McKinney-Vento Act, 42 U.S.C. 11431 et seq.

RELATED POLICIES:

08.22

09.124

09.126 (re requirements/exceptions for students from military families)

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