SECTION: PUPILS

TITLE: ADMISSION OF STUDENTS

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DUQUESNE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

201. ADMISSION OF STUDENTS

1. **Authority** SC 1301 Title 22 Sec. 11.12, **11.41**	**The Board shall establish age requirements for the admission of beginning students that are consistent with** state law and regulations.
2. **Guidelines**	**First Grade**
SC 1304, 1326	**Beginners are students entering the lowest grade of the primary school above the kindergarten level. They shall be admitted to school only during the first two (2) weeks of the annual school term, except that a child who is eight (8) years of age shall begin school at any time during the school year.**
SC 1304 Title 22 Sec. 11.15	**A beginner is eligible for admission to first grade if s/he has attained the age of six (6) years before** the first day of the school term.
Title 22 Sec. 11.16	The Board may admit as a beginner a child who is five (5) years old 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 psychologist, and approval of the Superintendent.
Title 22 Sec. 11.16	**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.
	Kindergarten
Title 22 Sec. 11.14	**The district will provide a full day kindergarten program for all resident children who have attained the age of five (5) years before** the first day of the school term.

Pre-Kindergarten Program

The district will provide a half day pre-kindergarten program for all resident children who are three (3) or four (4) years old.

Move-In/Transfer Students (Beginning Of The School Year)

Students who move in or transfer into the district at the beginning of a school year, who have completed an approved public or private school kindergarten program in the preceding school term, but who are not six (6) years of age before the first day of this school term, will be required to fulfill both of the following prior to admission to the first grade program:

1. The previous school must provide documentation of regular attendance patterns and academic success at the kindergarten level.

2. The district psychologist determines using standardized test data that the student is at or above grade level and possesses appropriate developmental patterns necessary for successful completion of first grade competencies.

If both of these requirements are not met, a student will have the option to enter the district kindergarten program.

Students completing a pre-kindergarten curriculum in a previous school year but who are not five (5) years of age before the first day of the school term will have the option to enter the district pre-kindergarten program.

Move-In/Transfer Students (Mid-Year)

Students who move in or transfer into the district during the school year, who have been enrolled in a public or private school first grade, kindergarten, or pre-kindergarten program in another school system, but who fail to meet the age requirement of the district will be assigned to the same grade level only if they meet all of the following requirements:

1. There is documentation from the previous school that the student has been enrolled for a minimum 45-day period.

2. The student's previous school documents regular attendance patterns and grade level academic success.

	3. The district psychologist determines using standardized test data that the student is at or above grade level and demonstrates appropriate developmental patterns necessary for successful completion of grade level competencies.
3. Delegation of Responsibility Pol. 200, **203**	**The Superintendent or designee shall require** that the parent/guardian of each student who registers for entrance to school shall submit **proof of** age, **residency, and** required **immunizations.**
	References:
	School Code – 24 P.S. Sec. 503, 1301, 1304, 1326
	State Board of Education Regulations – 22 PA Code Sec. 4.41, 11.9, 11.12, 11.14, 11.15, 11.16, 11.41
	Board Policy – 200, 203