

**REVISED POLICY - VOL. 9, NO. 1**

**PRESCHOOL PROGRAM**

The Board of Education recognizes a need to provide a preschool program to eligible children residing in its ~~County~~ **District** and has obtained approval of its ~~County~~ **District** collaborative plan from the West Virginia Department of Education to operate a preschool program.

A child is eligible for entrance into preschool if s/he attains the age of four (4) prior to September 1st of the year s/he is to enroll or whose enrollment is mandated under State and/or Federal law. Three (3) year old children can be included in collaborative classrooms if they meet the eligibility requirements of West Virginia State Board of Education ~~Policy~~ **policy** 2525 or, in a collaborative classroom, the guidelines for enrollment of the collaborative community partner. ~~If it is in the best interest of the child, as determined by mutual agreement between the teacher and parent/guardian, the child may remain in the program for longer than one year.~~ Because WV Pre-K is designed to prepare children to be successful in kindergarten, children may not be excluded based on developmental delays including toilet training. Children who are five (5) prior to September 1st shall be enrolled in kindergarten, instead of WV Pre-K, unless ~~the teacher and parent deem~~ **assessment data can determine** kindergarten placement for that child **is** not in the best interest of the child. ~~For children who have been enrolled in a WV Pre K classroom, determination to provide the child with an additional year of Pre K will be documented through the County/classroom assessments of the child using the County/classroom adopted comprehensive assessment system.~~ **A child may remain in the Pre-K classroom for longer than one (1) year if the decision is in the best interest of the child and is based on child assessment data.**

The Preschool Program shall be in accordance with West Virginia State Board of Education ~~Policy~~ **policy** 2525, as may be amended from time to time, and West Virginia State Board of Education ~~Policy 2525~~ **policy 2525.15**, including any substantive amendments, is incorporated herein by reference.

West Virginia State Board of Education ~~Policy~~ **policy** 2520.15  
**West Virginia State Board of Education Policy policy** 2525  
West Virginia State Code 18-5-44

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