

**DODGELAND SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Board Policy Manual**

**421**

**ADMISSION TO KINDERGARTEN AND FIRST GRADE**

No child may be admitted to 4-year-old kindergarten in the District unless the child is four years old on or before September 1 in the year he/she proposes to enter school. There shall be no early admission to 4-year-old kindergarten in the District.

No child may be admitted to 5-year-old kindergarten in the District unless the child is five years old on or before September 1 in the year he/she proposes to enter school. A child may be admitted to 5-year-old kindergarten under the legal age if he/she has satisfactorily completed a 4-year-old kindergarten program or has met the conditions and standards for early admission outlined in District procedures.

No child may be admitted to first grade in the District unless the child is six years old on or before September 1 of the year he/she proposes to enter school and has completed 5-year-old kindergarten. A child may be admitted to first grade under the legal age if he/she has completed a 5-year-old kindergarten program or its equivalent. A child may also be admitted to first grade under the legal age and/or without having completed 5-year-old kindergarten if he/she has met the conditions and standards for early admission or exemption from kindergarten outlined in District procedures.

A child who has attained the age of three and has been identified as a child with a disability who needs special programs or services shall be placed in an appropriate early childhood special education program as determined by the child's individualized education program (IEP) team in accordance with legal requirements and district procedures.

Administration shall verify the age of all students admitted to kindergarten, first grade or early childhood special education. Immunization and other records shall be presented as required by law and/or district policy.

LEGAL REF.: Sections            118.13            Wisconsin Statutes  
   118.14(1)  
   118.5(1)  
   118.33(1)(cm)  
   120.12(25)

CROSS REF.: 421-Rule, Procedures for Early Admission to Kindergarten or First Grade  
   and Exemption from Mandatory Kindergarten  
   342.1, Programs for Students with Disabilities  
   345.4, Promotion, Acceleration and Retention of Students  
   411-Rule, Student Discrimination/Harassment Complaint Procedures  
   420, School Admissions  
   Special Education Handbook

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