

## 1           **QUALIFICATIONS OF ATTENDANCE AND PLACEMENT**

### 2   **A. Age of Admission**

3   It is a right and responsibility of those who meet the requirements prescribed by law to attend  
4   the schools of the district. Every resident of the district who satisfies the minimum entry age  
5   requirement and is less than 21 years of age has the right to attend the district's schools until  
6   he/she completes high school graduation requirements. Children of age 8 and less than age  
7   18 are required by law to attend a public school, an approved private school or educational  
8   center, unless they are receiving approved home-based instruction. Under certain circum-  
9   stances children who are at least 16 and less than 18 years of age may be excused from fur-  
10   ther attendance at school. The superintendent shall exercise his/her authority to grant excep-  
11   tions when he/she determines that the student:

- 12   1. Is lawfully and regularly employed, and
- 13   2. Has permission of a parent, or,
- 14   3. Is emancipated pursuant to [Chapter 13.64 RCW](#); or
- 15   4. Is subject to one of the other exceptions to compulsory attendance.

16   A resident student who has been granted an exception retains the right to enroll as a part-time  
17   student and shall be entitled to take any course, receive any ancillary services and take or re-  
18   ceive any combination of courses and ancillary services which is offered by a public school  
19   to full-time students.

### 20   **B. Entrance Qualifications**

21   To be admitted to a kindergarten program which commences in the fall of the year a child  
22   must be not less than 5 years of age prior to September 1 of that school year. To be admitted  
23   to a first grade program which commences in the fall of the year a child must be not less than  
24   6 years of age prior to September 1 of that school year. Any student not otherwise eligible for  
25   entry to the first grade who has successfully completed a state-approved, public or private,  
26   kindergarten program of 450 or more hours including instruction in the essential academic  
27   learning requirements and other subjects that the district determines are appropriate shall be  
28   permitted entry into the first-grade program. If necessary, the student may be placed in a  
29   temporary classroom assignment for the purposes of evaluation prior to making a final de-  
30   termination of the student's appropriate placement. Such determination shall be made no later  
31   than the 30th calendar day following the student's first day of attendance.

#### 32   **Exemptions**

33   Special exemptions may be made for younger pupils who appear to be sufficiently advanced  
34   to succeed in the educational program. The superintendent shall identify screening processes  
35   and instruments that shall provide reliable estimates of these skills and abilities, develop pro-  
36   cedures for implementing this policy and establish fees to cover expenses incurred in the ad-  
37   ministration of preadmission screening processes. The district shall provide a fee waiver or a  
38   reduction in fees for low income students whose parents are unable to pay the full cost of  
39   preadmission screening.

### 40   **C. Admission of Students Aged Twenty-One or Older**

41   A student aged 21 or older may enroll in a school in the district under the following condi-  
42   tions:

- 1 1. There is available space in the school and program which the student shall attend;
- 2 2. Tuition is prepaid;
- 3 3. The student provides his/her own transportation;
- 4 4. The student resides in the state of Washington; and
- 5 5. In the judgment of the superintendent, no adult education program is available at
- 6 reasonable costs and the district's program is appropriate to the needs of the student.

7 **D. Placement of Students on Admission**

8 The decision of where to place a student seeking admission to the district rests with the prin-  
9 cipal. Generally students meeting the age of admission requirements or transferring from a  
10 public or approved private school shall be placed in kindergarten or first grade, or the grade  
11 from which they transferred. The principal shall evaluate the educational record and assess-  
12 ments of all other students to determine their appropriate placement. A temporary classroom  
13 assignment may be made for no more than thirty calendar days for the purpose of evaluation  
14 prior to making the final placement decision.

15	Cross References:	Board Policy 2100	Educational Opportunities for Military
16			Children
17		Board Policy 2121	Substance Abuse Program
18		Board Policy 2140	Guidance and Counseling
19		Board Policy 2108	Remediation Programs
20		Board Policy 3114	Part-time, Home-based, or Off-campus
21			Students
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23		Board Policy 3122	Excused and Unexcused Absences
24		Board Policy 4220	Complaints Concerning Staff or Program
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26	Legal References:	RCW 28A.225.010	Attendance mandatory — Age RCW
27			28A.225.020 School's duties upon child's
28			failure to attend school
29		RCW 28A.225.160	Qualification for admission to district's
30			schools — Fees for preadmission
31			screening
32		RCW 28A.225.220	Adults, children from other districts,
33			agreements for attending school — Tuition
34		WAC 392-335	Pupils - Uniform Entry Qualifications
35		WAC 392-134-010	Attendance rights of part-time public school
36			students
37		WAC 392-137	Finance — Nonresident attendance
38			
39	Management Resource:	<i>Policy News</i> , April 2006	Entrance to School Policy Changes
40		<i>Policy News</i> , August 1999	Districts may set K-screening fees
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