

EARLY ENTRANCE INTO KINDERGARTEN

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See Also: Policy JCA, JEB & JEC

Under Board Policy JEB, a student may enter kindergarten if his/her chronological age is six prior to September 30 of the year entering school.

A child whose sixth birthday falls between October 1 and November 30, may be allowed to enter kindergarten if skills and maturity level strongly indicate readiness for kindergarten as determined by the Superintendent or his/her designee.

Among other things, the determination shall be based upon an assessment by the Superintendent (or designee) of the child's:

1. Cognitive development;
2. Social development;
3. Physical development;
4. Language development.

The Superintendent shall have sole discretion to determine the nature of the information used in the assessment (i.e., records, documents, interviews, etc.). In making his/her decision, the Superintendent shall also consider such factors as class size, resources, etc.. The Superintendent's decision whether to allow early admittance shall be final, and is not subject to review or appeal to the Board or otherwise.

The Superintendent is authorized to establish such criteria and administrative procedures as the Superintendent deems appropriate and/or necessary to implement this policy.

Legal References:

RSA 193:1, Compulsory Attendance of Pupil

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Pittsburg School Board: Adopted – May 11, 2020

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