

SECTION: PUPILS

TITLE: ADMISSION OF BEGINNERS

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LACKAWANNA TRAIL SCHOOL DISTRICT

201. ADMISSION OF BEGINNERS	
<p>1. Purpose SC 1301 Title 22 Sec. 11.12, 11.41</p>	<p>The Lackawanna Trail Board shall establish age requirements for the admission of beginners which are consistent with statute and sound educational practice and which ensure the equitable treatment of all eligible children.</p>
<p>2. Authority SC 1304, 1326</p>	<p><u>First Grade</u></p> <p>Beginners are children 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 may begin at any time during the school year.</p>
<p>SC 1304 Title 22 Sec. 11.15</p>	<p>A beginner is eligible for admission to the lowest grade of the primary school above the kindergarten level if s/he has attained the age of six (6) years prior to the first day of September.</p>
<p>Title 22 Sec. 11.16</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p>Title 22 Sec. 11.16</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p>Title 22 Sec. 11.14</p>	<p><u>Kindergarten</u></p> <p>A child is eligible for admission to kindergarten if s/he has attained the age of five (5) years prior to September 1.</p> <p><u>Early Admission To Kindergarten</u></p> <p>1. Chronological age must be five (5) by the third day of school, if not already five (5) by September 1 of the year of enrollment.</p>

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. All requests for early admission must be made in writing prior to September 1 of the year of enrollment. 3. Residents who enter the district during the month of August may request early admission prior to the first day of school. 4. Kindergarten class sizes must be below 20 students for consideration. 5. The child must have attended an accredited pre-school the year prior to Kindergarten which has been approved by the administration. 6. The child must meet "readiness" criteria based on a district-approved readiness screener. <p>3. Delegation of Responsibility Pol. 203</p> <p>The Superintendent shall require that each child who registers for entrance to school exhibit his/her birth certificate or similar documentation as proof of age and birth date and show proof of immunization.</p> <p>4. Guidelines for Admission</p> <p>Upon admission of any student regardless of grade level or age:</p> <p>A. Lackawanna Trail School District shall enroll a child the next business day but not later than 5 business days of application.</p> <p>B. Lackawanna Trail School District will not prohibit students enrolling based upon immigration status nor will the district inquire regarding a student's immigration status.</p> <p>C. Lackawanna Trail School District will provide a home language survey to all students seeking first time enrollment in its schools.</p> <p>D. Lackawanna Trail School District will not prohibit or delay admission of students contingent upon receipt of documentation requested by Lackawanna Trail but not required by the Pa Department of Education.</p> <p>References:</p> <p>School Code — 24 P.S. Sec. 503, 1301, 1304, 1326</p> <p>State Board of Education Regulations — 22 PA Code Sec. 4.41, 11.12, 11.14, 11.15, 11.16, 11.41</p>
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