

# SOUTHERN LEHIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: PUPILS

TITLE: ADMISSION OF STUDENTS

ADOPTED: April 14, 2003

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<p><i>Replaces former policies 5111 and 5111.1</i></p> <p>1. Authority SC 1301</p> <p>2. Guidelines  SC 1304, 1326</p> <p>Title 22 Sec. 11.15</p> <p>Title 22 Sec. 11.16</p>	<p>201. ADMISSION OF STUDENTS</p> <p>The Board shall establish age requirements for the admission of beginning students that are consistent with statute and sound educational practice and ensure the equitable treatment of all eligible children.</p> <p><u>First Grade</u></p> <p>Beginners are students entering first grade. 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 school at any time during the school year.</p> <p>A beginner is eligible for admission to first grade if s/he has attained the age of six (6) years before September 1. Children who attend kindergarten in the Southern Lehigh School District are not required to register for admission to first grade.</p> <p>Parents whose child reaches the age of six (6) during September of the current school year may request that their child be screened for early admission. The decision concerning early admission is the responsibility of the Superintendent upon recommendation of a Southern Lehigh school psychologist and the Director of Elementary Education. That decision is final.</p> <p>The only exception for early admission as described above would be for a child who has completed Kindergarten in another Pennsylvania public school. Those children would be admitted to first grade without screening. Any child from a private or out-of-state school must go through a screening process to be accepted for entry, without exception.</p> <p>Registration for admission must take place prior to the end of the first two (2) weeks of school. Only children new in the school district shall be entered after that time, providing they have attended first grade previously.</p>
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<p>Title 22 Sec. 11.16</p> <p>3. Delegation of Responsibility Pol. 203</p> <p>School Code 1301, 1304, 1326, 1925</p> <p>PA Code Title 22 Sec. 4.41 11.14 et seq, 11.15, 11.16</p> <p>Opinion, Attorney General 71 Op. A.G. 74</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 before September 1.</p> <p>Parents whose child reaches the age of five (5) during September of the current school year may request that their child be screened for early admission. The decision concerning early admission is the responsibility of the Superintendent upon recommendation of a Southern Lehigh school psychologist and the Director of Elementary Education. That decision is final.</p> <p>A child of kindergarten age who relocates/ moves into the district, who has been previously registered in kindergarten in another Pennsylvania public school district, shall be regarded as a re-entry and will be accepted at any time during the school term. Any child who has attended a private kindergarten or out-of-state school must go through a screening process to be accepted for entry, without exception.</p> <p>Notification of registration and screening shall be done yearly through multiple media messages.</p> <p>The Superintendent shall require that each student who registers for entrance to school exhibit his/her birth certificate, baptismal certificate, or similar documentation as proof of age and birthdate, along with proof of required immunizations.</p>
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