ADMISSION

The School Board believes that all children should have the opportunity to receive a free appropriate public education. Staff shall encourage parents to enroll all school-aged children in school.

The Board reserves the right to verify the residency or anticipated residency of any student and the validity of any affidavit of guardianship. These admission policies are not intended to be a barrier to the enrollment and retention of homeless children and youth.

The Superintendent or designee shall verify compliance with all entrance requirements established by law or Board policy.

(cf. 5112.1 - Exemptions from Attendance)
(cf. 5112.2 - Exclusions from Attendance)
(cf. 5112.6-Education for Homeless Children and Youths)
(cf. 5116 - School Attendance Boundaries)
(cf. 5141.31 - Immunizations)

A child five years of age on or before September 1 may be admitted to kindergarten. A child six years of age on or before September 1 may be admitted to first grade. The Board may admit students under school age who exhibit the ability to perform in the superior range. Students under school age who were previously enrolled in public school shall be admitted to school at the grade level determined by the Superintendent or designee. (AS 14.03.080)

Superior performance will be determined by assessment for students whose birth date is before October 1st.

The Superintendent or his designee will determine the battery of assessment tools to be used to determine eligibility for early entrance into kindergarten.

Legal Reference: <u>ALASKA STATUTES</u> 14.30.010 When attendance compulsory 14.03.020 School year 14.03.070 School age 14.03.080 Free education 14.30.045 Grounds for suspension or denial of admission <u>ALASKA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE</u> 4 AAC 06.055 Immunizations required 4 AAC 07.076 Determination of School Age <u>UNITED STATES CODE</u> 42 U.S.C. 11432 - 11433 McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act

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