

# SCHOOL DISTRICT OF PITTSVILLE BOARD POLICY

## STUDENTS

### SCHOOL ADMISSIONS

#### ADMISSION/EARLY ADMISSION

#### **4-YEAR-OLD KINDERGARTEN, 5-YEAR-OLD KINDERGARTEN, FIRST GRADE, AND OVER 20 YEARS OF AGE 421.1**

Except as provided in Statute 115.28(8), no child may be admitted to a 4-year-old kindergarten unless he/she is 4 years old on or before September 1, in the year that he or she proposes to enter school.

Except as provided in Statute 115.28(8), no child may be admitted to a 5-year-old kindergarten unless he/she is 5 years old on or before September 1, in the year that he or she proposes to enter school.

Except as provided in Statute 115.28(8), no child may be admitted to the first grade unless he/she is 6 years old on or before October 1, in the year that he or she proposes to enter school and meets the exceptions established within this policy as required by ACT 41.

A resident over 20 years of age may be admitted to school when in the judgment of the School Board, the resident will not interfere with pupils of school age.

The State Superintendent of Public Instruction has established guidelines for early admission. By law, each school district establishes policies governing early admission and possible entry into first grade without prior kindergarten attendance. If early admission or placement is permitted, an evaluation must be conducted to determine that the child demonstrates the social, emotional, physical, and mental maturity normally expected for successful participation in the 4-year-old kindergarten, 5-year-old kindergarten program, or admittance into first grade.

#### **Early Admission Policy to Four-Year Old Kindergarten:**

No child will be admitted in four-year old kindergarten unless the child is four on or before September 1st in the year he/she proposes to enter school.

~~The Pittsville School Board of Education establishes the following conditions and procedures for~~  
**Early Admission Policy to 4-year-old-kindergarten, 5-Year-Old-Kindergarten and admission to First Grade without attending kindergarten:**

1. A written request stating reasons for early admission must be completed by the parent or legal guardian and submitted to the elementary principal on or before April 1st of the preceding school year. A parent interview will be set up with the classroom teacher, the principal, and the school psychologist.
2. ~~An application shall be made to the elementary principal by the last Friday in February for the following school year. The child must turn 4 years of age by October 1, of the school year for consideration for 4 year old kindergarten.~~ The child must turn 5 years of age by October 1, of the school year for consideration for 5-year-old kindergarten. The child must turn 6 years of age by October 1 of the school year for consideration for first grade.
3. The child must demonstrate the social, emotional, physical, and mental maturity normally expected for successful participation in the respective kindergarten program. **An individual evaluation of the child's potential will be conducted by the school psychologist.**

- ~~3. Upon request, the elementary principal will send an application form and a copy of this early admission policy to the parent or guardian. This form should be returned to the elementary principal within one week. At that time, the applicant(s) can request a personal interview with the elementary principal.~~
- ~~4. Once the elementary principal receives the completed application, he or she will direct the Early Admission Team to review the application and schedule an individual evaluation.~~
- ~~5. An evaluation of the child's potential to benefit from early admission shall be completed. The evaluation shall consider emotional stability, social and mental maturity, and physical health. A licensed school psychologist shall conduct this evaluation with other members of the Early Admission Team. Parents or guardians must provide signed permission for this evaluation.~~
4. The Early Admission Team, which consists of the elementary principal, the classroom teacher, and the school psychologist, shall reconvene and discuss the results of the evaluation.
5. A written recommendation will be drafted for the school board and for the parents or guardians, based on the evaluation and discussion. Applicants Parents/Guardians may request a meeting with the Early Admission Team to discuss the recommendation.
6. The school board has the final authority for deciding whether or not the child is to be admitted to school.
7. The Early Admission Team will communicate in writing the final decision to parents/guardians.

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