

## **POLICY 549 – AGE OF ENTRANCE**

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### **I. PURPOSE**

The purpose of this policy is to provide guidance to school district staff and parents/guardians for early entrance to kindergarten or first grade in the school district.

### **II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY**

The school district chooses to provide opportunities for children who have not reached the age of five years by September 1 in any year to be considered for early entrance into kindergarten and the age of six years by September 1 in any year to be considered for first grade under procedures designed to assure success in school.

### **III. EARLY ENTRANCE**

- A. The school district will consider early admission to school as a kindergarten student if that child becomes five years of age on September 2 through November 1 of the school year for which admission is requested and successfully completes an assessment process.
  - 1. Early admission procedures will guide the final recommendation for acceptance of the child. The cost of the assessment for early entrance is the responsibility of the parent/guardian unless such an expense is determined to be a significant hardship.
  - 2. A kindergarten child moving into the school district during the school year from another school district that does not have identical entrance requirements, may be allowed to continue his/her education in this school district.
- B. The school district will consider early admission to school as a first grade student if the child has completed a full year of kindergarten. .

### **IV. GENERAL REQUIREMENTS**

If a child is entering kindergarten or first grade, his/her parent/guardian is required to provide proof of his/her age through one of the following documents: an original or copy of the student's legal birth certificate, an original valid passport, an original verified baptismal certificate, or the original affidavit of a natural parent or guardian.

### **V. DISSEMINATION OF INFORMATION**

The school district will publish enrollment information through print and/or electronic media.

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***Legal References***

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