

Kindergarten (4K and 5K)

No child may be admitted to 4-year-old kindergarten in the District unless the child is four years old on or before September 1 in the year he/she proposes to enter school. There shall be no early admission to 4-year-old kindergarten in the District.

Except as provided under the District's conditions, standards, and procedures for early admission to 5-year-old kindergarten, no child may be admitted to 5-year-old kindergarten in the District unless the child is five years old on or before September 1 of the year he/she proposes to enter school.

First Grade

Except as provided under state law or under the District's conditions, standards, and procedures for early or other alternative admission to first grade, no child may be admitted to first grade in the District unless the child is six years old on or before September 1 of the year he/she proposes to enter school and the child has completed a program of 5-year-old kindergarten.

Procedures, Conditions and Standards

The Director of Student Services, in conjunction with such other staff as the Director deems appropriate, shall identify and maintain the procedures, conditions, and standards that will be applied to evaluate requests for early admission and/or for a waiver of the kindergarten completion requirement that applies to first-grade admission.

1. At a minimum, the District's procedures, conditions and standards shall require the denial of any such request unless the District's review of the available information yields a high degree of confidence that the requested placement is consistent with the student's best educational interests and the student is unlikely to struggle to meet and/or exceed the applicable grade-level academic and developmental standards.

2. The procedures for making and responding to such a request shall permit the child's parent or guardian to appeal the denial of a request to the Director of Student Services, whose decision shall be final.

Legal References:

Wisconsin Statutes

- Section 118.13 [student nondiscrimination]
Section 118.14(1) [entrance age for kindergarten and first grade]
Section 118.15(1) [compulsory school attendance]
Section 118.33(6)(cm) [mandatory kindergarten completion for first-grade admission; procedures for exempting students from mandatory kindergarten required]
Section 120.12(25) [school board duty; adoption of procedures for early admission to kindergarten and first grade]

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