

FOX CHAPEL AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Authority

The Board shall establish age requirements for the admission of beginning students which are consistent with law and regulations. [\[1\]](#)[\[2\]](#)[\[3\]](#)

Guidelines

First Grade

Beginners are students entering the lowest grade of the primary school above the kindergarten level. They shall be admitted to school only during the first two (2) weeks of the annual school term, except that a child who is six (6) years of age shall begin school at any time during the school year. [\[4\]](#)[\[5\]](#)[\[6\]](#)

A beginner is eligible for admission to first grade if s/he is at least six (6) years and no months old before September 1. [\[4\]](#)[\[6\]](#)

The Board may admit as a beginner a child who is five (5) years old and demonstrates readiness for entry by the first day of the school term, upon the written request of the parent/guardian, recommendation of the district psychologist, and approval of the Superintendent. [\[7\]](#)

The Board is not required to admit as a beginner any child whose age is less than the district's established admission age for beginners. [\[7\]](#)

Kindergarten

A child is eligible for admission to kindergarten if s/he has obtained the age of five (5) years and no months old on or before September 1. [\[8\]](#)

The Board may admit to kindergarten a child who is below entry age but demonstrates readiness for entry by the first day of the school term, upon the written request of the parent/guardian, recommendation of the district psychologist, and approval of the Superintendent, or designee.

Grade Placement Screening

Children who have attended kindergarten in another elementary school and who move into the Fox Chapel Area School District will not automatically be required to repeat kindergarten, regardless of their birth dates. However, they will be subject to grade placement screening, the results of which may determine a recommendation of a repeat of kindergarten or a first grade placement.[9]

Delegation of Responsibility

The Superintendent or designee shall require that the parent/guardian of each student who registers for entrance to school shall submit proof of age, residency, and required immunizations.[10][11]

- Legal
1. [24 P.S. 1301](#)
 2. [22 PA Code 11.12](#)
 3. [22 PA Code 11.41](#)
 4. [24 P.S. 1304](#)
 5. [24 P.S. 1326](#)
 6. [22 PA Code 11.15](#)
 7. [22 PA Code 11.16](#)
 8. [22 PA Code 11.14](#)
 9. Administrative Regulation - 201-AR-1
 10. Pol. 200
 11. Pol. 203
 - [22 PA Code 4.41](#)
 - [24 P.S. 503](#)