

School Entrance Requirements and Compulsory Attendance

Persons between four and twenty-one years of age shall be of eligible school age. Proof of age shall be required of each pupil entering school in this district for the first time.

Students may be enrolled in a statewide four-year old preschool program if they are age four on or before September 15 of the school year during which the child registers for school.

Students may be enrolled in kindergarten if they are five on or before September 15 of the school year during which the child registers for school.

Students age four on September 15 and enrolled in a statewide preschool program and students age five on September 15 and enrolled in the district's kindergarten program must abide by attendance rules of the district as if the student was of compulsory attendance age, unless the parent or guardian of the child notifies the school district in writing of the parent's or guardian's intent to remove the child from enrollment in the school district.

Students may be enrolled in grade one if they are six on or before September 15 of the school year during which the child registers for school. Exceptions to the requirements for admission to the first grade may be made for a child under six years of age who has been admitted to school for the year immediately preceding the first grade under conditions approved by the Department of Education. Children of military families can be enrolled in the grade of the prior school regardless of age.

According to Section 299.1 of the Iowa code, the parent, guardian, or legal or actual custodian of a child who is of compulsory attendance age is accountable for the child's attendance at school and shall have the children attend the attendance center designated by the Board. Students will attend the school the number of days school is in session as outlined in the Board approved district calendar. It is the responsibility of the parent/guardian of a child to provide evidence of the reason for a child's inability to attend school. Parents must work with school administrators to determine if absences qualify for exceptions.

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