

STUDENT PERSONNEL

Series 400

Policy Title . . . FIRST GRADE ADMISSION

Code No. 421.1

In order to be admitted to first grade in Burlington Area School District, a child must be at least six years of age by September 1 of the year he/she proposes to enter first grade and have successfully completed five-year old kindergarten.

Admission to first grade under the age of six may be permitted if: (1) the child has successfully completed a five-year old kindergarten program or its equivalent, or (2) if the child demonstrates the academic and developmental readiness skills expected for successful participation in first grade. Evidence must exist that the child's educational welfare would best be served by placement in first grade.

A child who is six years of age before September 1 of the year he/she proposes to enter first grade but has not completed five-year old kindergarten may be admitted to first grade if the child meets any of the following requirements:

1. The child has successfully completed an educational program for five-year old children in a private school or licensed day care center that the school district deems equivalent to public school five-year old kindergarten. Documentation of program shall be required.
2. The child demonstrates academic and developmental readiness skills expected for successful participation in first grade. Evidence must exist that the child's educational welfare would best be served by placement in first grade.
3. Before either commencing or completing first grade, the child moved into Wisconsin from a state, country or territory in which completion of five-year kindergarten is not a prerequisite to entering first grade.
4. Before either commencing or completing first grade the child moved into Wisconsin from a state, country or territory in which completion of five-year old kindergarten is a prerequisite to enter first grade and the child was exempted from the requirement to complete five-year old kindergarten in the state, country or territory from which the child moved.

Parents have the right to approach the building principal of the school their child will be attending and request a waiver of the first grade admission policy.

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The decision to grant admission to first grade before the legal entrance age and/or without completion of five-year old kindergarten shall be made by the building principal. The building principal may consult with other school staff as appropriate when making this decision.

If first grade admission is denied under this policy, the child's parent or guardian may appeal the principal's decision to the Superintendent. The Superintendent shall meet with the child's parent or guardian to discuss the first grade admission request, review relevant student data related to the request, and then make a decision regarding the child's first grade admission. The Superintendent's decision regarding the request shall be final.

A child who is of compulsory attendance age (six years old), who has not completed five-year old kindergarten and who has not been granted exemption to the mandatory kindergarten completion requirement shall be placed in five-year old kindergarten in the Burlington Area School District or be expected to meet compulsory attendance requirements through other means authorized by state law.

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