

# PLEASANT VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: PUPILS

TITLE: ADMISSION OF BEGINNING STUDENTS

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201. ADMISSION OF BEGINNING STUDENTS	
<p>1. Purpose SC 1301 Title 22 Sec. 11.12, 11.41</p>	<p>The Board shall establish age requirements for the admission of beginners which are consistent with statute and sound educational practice and ensure the equitable treatment of all eligible children.</p>
<p>2. Authority  SC 1304, 1326</p>	<p><u>Beginners/First Graders</u></p> <p>Beginners are children 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 eight (8) years of age may begin school at any time during the school year.</p>
<p>SC 1304 Title 22 Sec. 11.15, 11.16</p>	<p>A beginner is eligible for admission to the lowest grade of the primary school above the kindergarten level if s/he has attained the age of six (6) years on or before the first day of September of the school term, with the maximum entry age for beginners being eight (8) years. These age requirements also apply to out-of-state, public, and private school transfer students.</p>
<p>Title 22 Sec. 11.16</p>	<p>A child who has completed a full year (either half-day or full-day) certified kindergarten program will be considered for enrollment based on an administrative review of records from the previous school, including written recommendation from that school. The school principal will make a decision whether or not to admit the student to first grade after reviewing the documentation submitted and consulting with staff members that could include the guidance counselor, reading specialist, and/or other designated staff members.</p> <p>Each request for exception under this provision will be determined on a case-by-case basis.</p>
<p>Title 22 Sec. 11.16</p>	<p>Transferring students who have attended a minimum of ninety (90) school days in a certified first grade program will be considered for entry based on the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Written recommendation and academic documentation from the sending school.</li> </ol>

<p>Title 22 Sec. 11.16</p> <p>Title 22 Sec. 11.14</p> <p>3. Delegation of Responsibility</p>	<p>2. The school principal will make a decision whether or not to admit the student to first grade after reviewing the documentation submitted and consulting with staff members that could include the guidance counselor, reading specialist, and/or other designated staff members.</p> <p>Each request for exception under this provision will be determined on a case-by-case basis.</p> <p>The Board is not required to admit as a beginner any child whose chronological age is less than the school district's established admission age.</p> <p><u>Kindergarten</u></p> <p>A child is eligible for admission to kindergarten if s/he has attained the age of five (5) on or before September 1 of that year.</p> <p>The Superintendent shall require that each child who registers for entrance to school exhibit his/her birth certificate or similar documentation as proof of age and birth date.</p> <p>References:</p> <p>School Code – 24 P.S. Sec. 503, 1301, 1304, 1326</p> <p>State Board of Education Regulations – 22 PA Code Sec. 4.41, 11.12, 11.14, 11.15, 11.16, 11.41</p> <p>Board Policy – 200, 203</p>
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