

SCHOOL BOARD POLICY - 4.2 ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS

To enroll in a school, the District: the child must:

- A. Be a resident of the District as defined in District Policy (4.1-RESIDENCE REQUIREMENTS);
- B. Meet the criteria outlined in Policy;
 - a. 4.40-HOMELESS STUDENTS
 - b. 4.52 STUDENTS WHO ARE FOSTER CHILDREN;
- C. Be accepted as a transfer student under the provisions of policy 4.4; or
- D. Participate under a school choice option and submit the required paperwork as required by the choice option under Policy 4.5.

A student may enter kindergarten if the student:

- Meets one of the requirements for school attendance of A through D above; and
- Falls under one of the following:
 - Will attain the age of five (5) on or before August 1 of the year in which the student is seeking initial enrollment;
or
 - Has been enrolled in a state-accredited or state-approved kindergarten program in another state for at least sixty (60) days and:
 - Will become five (5) years old during the year in which the student is enrolled in kindergarten; and
 - Submits a written request for enrollment to the District; or
 - Was enrolled in a state-accredited or state-approved kindergarten program in another state or a kindergarten program equivalent in another country and:
 - Becomes a resident of this state as a direct result of active military orders or a court-ordered change of custody;
 - Will become five (5) years of age during the year in which the student is enrolled in kindergarten; and
 - Submits a written request for enrollment to the District.

Any child who will be six (6) years of age on or before October 1st of the school year of enrollment and who has not completed a state-accredited kindergarten program shall be evaluated by the district and may be placed in the first grade if the results of the evaluation justify placement in the first grade, and the child's parent or legal guardian agrees with placement in the first grade; otherwise, the child shall be placed in kindergarten. (Nemo Vista Elem.) The evaluation may include but is not limited to the Bear Necessities Test of Basic Skills for Kindergarten, DAR assessment, Nemo Vista end-of-year Kindergarten Evaluation, Woodcock Reading Mastery Test, Early Star Reading Assessment, and Keymath Diagnostic Math Inventory.

Any child may enter first grade in a District school if the child will attain the age of six (6) years during the school year in which the child is seeking enrollment and the child has successfully completed a kindergarten program in a public school in Arkansas.

Any child who has been enrolled in the first grade in a state-accredited or state-approved elementary school in another state for at least sixty (60) days, who will become age six (6) years during the school year in which he/she is enrolled in grade one (1), and who meets the basic residency requirements for school attendance may be enrolled in the first grade.

Students who move into the District from an accredited school shall be assigned to the same grade as they were attending in their previous school (mid-year transfers) or as they would have been assigned in their previous school. Private school students shall be evaluated by the District to determine their appropriate grade placement. Home school students enrolling or re-enrolling as public school students shall be placed per policy 4.6---HOME SCHOOLING.

The district shall not attempt to ascertain the immigration status, legal or illegal, of any student or his/her parent or legal

guardian presenting for enrollment.

Before the child's admission to a District school:

1. The parent, legal guardian, person having lawful control of the students, or person standing in loco parentis shall furnish the child's social security number, or if they request, the district will assign the child a nine (9) digit number designated by the Division of Elementary and Secondary education.
2. The parent, legal guardian, or person having lawful control of the student, or person standing in loco parentis shall provide the district with one (1) of the following documents indicating the child's age.
 - a. A birth certificate;
 - b. A statement by the local registrar or a county recorder certifying the child's date of birth
 - c. An attested baptismal certificate;
 - d. A passport;
 - e. An affidavit of the date and place of birth by the child's parent, legal guardian, person having lawful control of the student, or person standing in loco parentis;
 - f. United States military identification; or
 - g. Previous school records.
3. The parent, legal guardian, a person having lawful control of the student, or person standing in loco parentis shall indicate on school registration forms whether the child has been expelled from school in any other school district or is a party to an expulsion proceeding. Any person who has been expelled from any other school district shall receive a hearing before the Board at the time the student is seeking enrollment in the District. The Board reserves the right to not allow the enrollment of such students until the time of the person's expulsion has expired following the hearing before the Board.
4. In accordance with Policy 4.57---IMMUNIZATIONS, the child shall be age-appropriately immunized or have an exemption issued by the Arkansas Department of Health.