

SECTION: PUPILS  
 TITLE: ADMISSION OF BEGINNERS  
 AND TRANSFERS  
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# Farrell Area School District

<p>Purpose SC 1301</p>	<p>The Board shall establish age requirements for the admission of beginners which are consistent with statute and sound educational practice and which insure the equitable treatment of all eligible children.</p>
<p>Authority SC 1304  SC 1326</p>	<p><u>Beginners</u>        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 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>Title 22 Sec. 11.15 SC 1304</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 before the first day of school.</p>
<p>Title 22 Sec 11.14 SC 1925</p>	<p><u>Kindergarten</u>        A child is eligible for admission to kindergarten if s/he has attained the age of five (5) years before September 1, of the year in which s/he wishes to begin.</p> <p><u>Exceptions:</u>        Children who reach the chronological age of five (5) years of age between September 1st and December 31 of that year and attain a mental age of six (6) may be considered for early admittance to kindergarten, providing they meet the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>They must be properly immunized.</li> </ul>
<p>Title 22 Sec. 11.16</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>They must be physically and socially mature, as determined by the school nurse, the principal, and the school psychologist.</li> <li>They must perform satisfactorily on the Kindergarten Readiness Screening Battery as determined by the school psychologist.</li> </ul>

## 201. Admission of Beginners and Transfers

It shall be the parents' responsibility to provide the school psychologist with written verification from a licensed psychologist that, in his/her opinion, the child's individual test results indicate a mental age of six (6) years or better.

The Superintendent shall require that each child who registers for entrance to school exhibit his/her birth certificate. Parents are not legally required to enroll their children until they are eight (8) years old, and they may attend until they are twenty-one (21) years of age.

### Transfers

Students wishing to transfer to the Farrell Area School District from another public or non-public school system will initially be placed at the grade they were in prior to the transfer. Following observations and evaluations of the classroom teacher, principal, and school psychologist, the student will either remain in that grade or be placed in another grade more befitting his/her skills and maturation level. The principal shall determine the final grade placement.

All necessary forms must be validated by the transferring school and received by the principal before the student is formally enrolled.

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.

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School code  
1301, 1304, 1326,  
1925  
PA Code  
Title 22  
Sec. 11.14 et seq,  
11.15, 11.16

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