

Pennsbury School District

School Board Policy

Effective Date	Supercedes Previous Kindergarten Registration Procedures	Index No.
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Title: Admission of Kindergarten and First Grade Students

Purpose: This policy establishes age requirements for the admission of beginning students that are consistent with statute and sound educational practice and that will ensure the equitable treatment of all eligible children.

Policy: To qualify for entering kindergarten a child must be five years old or older on or before September 30 in the 2009-2010 school year. For the 2010-2011 school year and afterward, a child must be five years old or older on or before September 1.

Children moving into the School District who have already been enrolled in a kindergarten elsewhere will be admitted into the Pennsbury kindergarten program exempt from the School District age requirement if they meet the Pennsylvania minimum age requirement for public school education.

Students who have never completed kindergarten and wish to begin their formal schooling as a first grader must be six years old on or before September 30 in the 2009-2010 school year. For the 2010-2011 school year and afterward, a child must be six years old or older on or before September 1.

Announcement of the annual kindergarten registration and all appertaining requirements and documentation will be as public, emphatic, and wide-spread as possible to complete the registration of as many qualifying students as possible at this time.

The Chief Executive Officer or Superintendent shall ensure timely implementation of the following communications requirements.

1. Elementary school building principals shall announce the annual kindergarten registration with all necessary details in their February and/or March newsletters.

2. Announcements of the annual kindergarten registration with all necessary details shall be prepared and distributed to all area newspapers, radio stations, the Pennsbury cable television channel and the Pennsbury Web site.
3. Posters which contain detailed information on kindergarten enrollment shall be designed, printed and posted. Posters shall be prominently displayed in all Pennsbury schools and local places of business such as libraries, banks and supermarkets.

A building principal or registrar who receives from a parent registering a child for kindergarten a request for a deviation from what should be the assigned school for that student shall direct the parent to make the request in writing to the Director of Administrative Services.

Except during the annual April kindergarten registration, which is held in the individual elementary schools, children can be registered for kindergarten only in the Pupil Services Office in the Pennsbury Administration Building in Fallsington.

**Responsible
Administrator:** Director, Administrative Services