

503.02 ATTENDANCE: STUDENT ENTRANCE AGE

To be admitted to kindergarten, a child shall be at least five (5) years of age on or before September 1. For admittance to the first grade, a child shall be at least six (6) years of age by September 1.

EXCEPTIONS:

1. At the request of a parent or guardian, an individual evaluation to determine a child's readiness for a possible placement in the regular school program may be provided for a child whose fifth or sixth birthday falls between September 1 and December 31, inclusive, even though the child does not meet the above age requirements. Licensed staff employed by the Saint Paul Public Schools will provide such evaluation and their decision shall be final.
2. A child not five or six years old by September 1 who moves his or her residence to Saint Paul may be admitted to kindergarten or first grade provided that he or she has been in regular attendance in kindergarten or first grade in an accredited school. School records or satisfactory evidence of such attendance shall be presented at the time of enrollment.
3. A child with a disability who does not meet the minimum entrance age requirements above shall be admitted to school district programs as required by law.
4. The district may establish pre-kindergarten programming for children younger than five (5) years old.

LEGAL REFERENCES:

Minn. Stat. § 120A.05

Minn. Stat. § 120A.20

Minn. Stat. § 125A.03

CROSS REFERENCES: