

PELHAM SCHOOL DISTRICT POLICY

JEB – AGE OF ENTRANCE

Category: Priority

A student may enter kindergarten if his/her chronological age will be five before September 30 of the year of entering school.

A student may enter grade one if his/her chronological age will be six before September 30 of the year of entering school.

A birth certificate must be presented upon registration as proof of the date of birth.

Exceptions

In some rare instances, a child born in October or November may demonstrate advanced developmental and academic readiness to begin kindergarten or first grade.

For Kindergarten, any child whose fifth birthday is after November 30 is not eligible to be considered for early admission.

For First Grade, any child whose sixth birthday is after November 30 is not eligible to be considered for early admission.

The Superintendent will develop a procedure for early entrance. Any and all testing required for early admission to kindergarten or first grade will be completed by School District personnel or others approved by the school placement team. Testing done by School District personnel will be administered after regular school hours. Testing service shall be at an hourly rate and paid by the parent/guardian directly to the person doing the testing.

Transfers

Incoming transfer students in first grade will only be initially admitted to first grade if their chronological age will be six before October 31 of the year of entering school or if previously enrolled in first grade in another community and attending local schools only on a temporary basis (10 months or less). Such placement is tentative and subject to reassignment by the Superintendent or designee.

Incoming transfer students in grades 2-8, inclusive, will be initially placed in accordance with the data forwarded by the sending District. Such placement is tentative and subject to reassignment by the Superintendent or designee.

District Policy History:

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RSA193:1, Duty of Parent; Compulsory Attendance by Pupil