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**ENTRANCE AGE**

*Code* **JEB** *Issued* **DRAFT/19**

District policy for entrance to kindergarten and first grade corresponds to state law regulating the beginning ages for entrance into public schools.

**Preschool-Age Children with Disabilities**

The district provides a free appropriate public education for all three-, four-, and five-year-old children with disabilities who reside in the district.

# Kindergarten

Attendance in kindergarten is mandatory and compulsory for five-year-olds in the state. Students may enroll in kindergarten if they meet one of these criteria:

* They will attain the age of five on or before September 1st of the school year.
* They substantially began attending a public school kindergarten program in another state which has a different attendance age requirement.

# First Grade

Students may enroll in the first grade if they meet one of these criteria:

* They will attain the age of six on or before September 1st of the school year.
* They substantially began a first grade program in another state that has a different attendance requirement.
* They have attended a public school kindergarten program for one full school year.

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Legal References:

A. S.C. Code of Laws, 1976, as amended:

1. Section 59-19-340 - Authority of board to establish child development programs.
2. Section 59-36-10 - Preschool programs for students with disabilities.
3. Section 59-63-20 - Kindergarten and first grade entrance age.
4. Section 59-65-10 - Compulsory attendance for ages five through 17; wavier of kindergarten for students not six years of age on or before September 1st.

B. S.C. State Board of Education Regulations:

 1. R43-272 - School admission.