

Policy JBB: Entrance Age

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Except as provided in subsection (2) of this policy, no child be enrolled or admitted to any school of the Jackson County School District during any school year unless such child will reach his fifth birthday on or before September 1 of said school year for enrollment in kindergarten and unless such child will reach his sixth birthday on or before September 1 of said school year for enrollment in first grade. No pupil shall be permanently enrolled in a school who formerly was enrolled in another school within the state until the cumulative record of said pupil shall have been received from the school from which he transferred. Should such record have become lost or destroyed, then it shall be the duty of the superintendent or principal of the school where the pupil last attended school to initiate a new record.

Any child who transfers from an out-of-state public or private school in which that state's law provides for a first-grade or kindergarten enrollment date prior to September 1, shall be allowed to enroll in the schools of the Jackson County School District, at the same grade level as their prior out-of-state enrollment, if:

1. The parent, legal guardian or custodian of such child was a legal resident of the state from which the child is transferring;
2. The out-of-state school from which the child is transferring is duly accredited by that state's appropriate accrediting authority;
3. Such child was legally enrolled in a public or private school for a minimum of four (4) weeks in the previous state; and
4. The superintendent of schools has determined that the child was making satisfactory educational progress in the previous state.

The term minor when used in any statute, shall include any person, male or female, under twenty-one years of age. MS Code ' 1-3-27

COMPULSORY- SCHOOL-AGE CHILD

"Compulsory-school-age child" means a child who has attained or will attain the age of six (6) years on or before September 1 of the calendar year and who has not attained the age of seventeen (17) years on or before September 1 of the calendar year; and shall include any child who has attained or will attain the age of five (5) years on or before September 1 and has enrolled in a full-day public school kindergarten program. ' 37-13-91

EVIDENCE OF AGE

It shall be the responsibility of the person in charge of each school to enforce the requirement for evidence of the age of each pupil before enrollment. If the first prescribed evidence is not available, the next evidence obtainable in the order set forth below shall be accepted:

- a. A certified birth certificate;
- b. A duly attested transcript of a certificate of baptism showing the date of birth and place of baptism of the child, accompanied by an affidavit sworn to by a parent, grandparent or custodian;
- c. An insurance policy on the child's life which has been in force for at least two (2) years;
- d. A bona fide contemporary Bible record of the child's birth accompanied by an affidavit sworn to by the parent, grandparent or custodian;

- e. A passport or certificate of arrival in the United States showing the age of the child;
- f. A transcript of record of age shown in the child's school record of at least four (4) years prior to application, stating date of birth; or
- g. If none of these evidences can be produced, an affidavit of age sworn to by a parent, grandparent or custodian. Any child enrolling in Kindergarten or Grade 1 shall present the required evidence of age upon enrollment. Any child in Grades 2 through 12 not in compliance at the end of sixty (60) days from enrollment shall be suspended until in compliance. ' 37-15-1

The Mississippi Public School Accountability Process Standard for this policy is standard 6.
