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Entrance Age and Grade Change Policy

Lawrence Public Schools, in keeping with Massachusetts State Board of Education regulations on permissible school entrance age, may establish the age at which children shall be allowed to enter school. The State Board requires that children be permitted to enter kindergarten in September of the calendar year in which they turn five years of age.

In accordance with the above, initial admission to pre-kindergarten, kindergarten and grade 1 shall be based solely on chronological age. Admission to grades other than these shall be based on chronological age, transcript, academic readiness, or other relevant factors as shall be deemed appropriate by the school administration.

Kindergarten

Only children who will be five (5) years of age by September 1 of the current year will be admitted to kindergarten. No exceptions to this will be allowed, other than the case of a child who will be five (5) years of age by December 1 of the current year and who is transferring into Lawrence from another U.S. or U.S. Territory kindergarten program, based on proof of successful completion of at least five months in the grade.

Applicants for pre-kindergarten must be age three (3) by September 1 of the current year (or 2.9 with an IEP). Four year olds, students with IEPs, and three-year-old siblings of students already enrolled in the same school will be prioritized for placement. Remaining three-year-olds will be moved from a waitlist as seats become available.

Given that child development naturally varies considerably among our youngest learners and that LPS programs are equipped to support this wide range of development, grade change recommendations are discouraged and will only be made on appeal to the Superintendent or his/her designee.

First Grade

Only children who will be six (6) years of age by September 1 of the current year will be admitted to first grade. No exceptions to this policy will be allowed, other than the case of a child who will be six (6) years of age by December 1 of the current year and who is transferring into Lawrence from another U.S. or U.S. Territory accredited school, based on proof of successful completion of at least five months in the grade. After initial placement in first grade, the school principal may subsequently investigate any recommended changes in grade placement, through testing and teacher assessment, and may, with parental approval, use the Grade Change Recommendation Form to recommend to the Family Resource Center (FRC) a change in grade placement.



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Grades Two through Eight (2-8)

Students enrolling in grades two through eight will be placed in a grade level based on proof of successful completion of the last grade attended in a U.S. or territory school.

Enrolling students who are new to the country and have not previously been enrolled in a US or territory school, will be assigned to a grade based on chronological age only.

The school principal will subsequently investigate any recommended changes in grade placement, through testing and teacher assessment, and may, with parental approval, use the Grade Change Recommendation Form to recommend to the Family Resource center (FRC) a change in grade placement.

Grades Nine through Twelve (9-12)

Students enrolling in grades nine through twelve will be placed in a grade level based on proof of successful completion of the last grade attended in a U.S. or territory school.

Enrolling students who are new to the country and have not previously been enrolled in a US or territory school, will be assigned to a grade based on the following criteria, in this order:

1. Language screening
2. Chronological age and records review

The school principal will subsequently investigate any recommended changes in grade placement, through testing and teacher assessment, and may, with parental approval, use the Grade Change Recommendation Form to recommend to the Registrar a change in grade placement.

Appeals to this policy may be made to the Superintendent or his/her designee. The decision of the Superintendent or his/her designee will be final.

Inquiries pertaining to this policy should be addressed to:
Community, Family and Student Engagement
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Sección J: Estudiantes

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Tema: Póliza de Asignación Escolar

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Póliza de Ingreso y Cambio de Grado

Las Escuelas Públicas de Lawrence, de acuerdo con los reglamentos de la Junta Estatal de Educación de Massachusetts sobre la edad de admisión a la escuela, pueden establecer la edad a la cual se les permitirá a los niños ingresar a la escuela. La Junta Estatal requiere que a los niños se les permita ingresar al kindergarten en septiembre del año calendario en que cumplan cinco años de edad.

De acuerdo con lo anterior, la admisión inicial al programa preescolar, kindergarten y 1er grado se basará únicamente en la edad cronológica. La admisión a grados distintos a estos se basará en la edad cronológica, expedientes académicos, preparación académica u otros factores relevantes que la administración escolar considere apropiados.

Kindergarten

Sólo los niños que tengan cinco (5) años de edad antes de (o el) 1ro de septiembre del año actual serán admitidos al kindergarten. No se permitirán excepciones a esto, excepto el caso de un niño(a) que cumplirá cinco (5) años de edad antes de (o el) 1 de diciembre del año actual y que está transfiriéndose a Lawrence de otro programa de kindergarten acreditado de Estados Unidos o Territorio de los EE.UU.; luego de comprobar que el niño(a) ha completado al menos cinco meses en el grado.

Los solicitantes de preescolar deben tener tres (3) años de edad antes de (o el) 1ro de septiembre del año actual (o 2.9 con un PEI). Los estudiantes de cuatro años de edad, estudiantes con PEI y los hermanos de tres años de edad de los estudiantes ya matriculados en la misma escuela recibirán prioridad. Los demás niños de tres años se moverán a una lista de espera y serán llamados de esta lista cuando los asientos estén disponibles.

Dado que el desarrollo del niño naturalmente varía considerablemente entre nuestros estudiantes más jóvenes y que los programas de las Escuelas Públicas de Lawrence están equipados para apoyar esta amplia gama de desarrollo, las recomendaciones de cambio de grado no son recomendada y sólo se harán en apelación al Superintendente o su designado.

Primer Grado

Sólo los niños que tengan seis (6) años de edad antes de (o el) 1ro de septiembre del año actual serán admitidos en primer grado. No se permitirán excepciones a esta política, excepto el caso de un niño(a) que cumplirá seis (6) años de edad antes (o el) 1ro de diciembre del año actual y que está transfiriéndose a Lawrence de otra escuela acreditada de los Estados Unidos o Territorio de los EE.UU.; luego de comprobar que el niño(a) ha completado con éxito por lo menos cinco meses en el grado.

Después de la asignación inicial en el primer grado, el director de la escuela puede investigar y hacer una recomendación de cambio de grado, mediante pruebas y evaluación del maestro. El director de la escuela usará el Formulario de Recomendación de Cambio de Grado para recomendar el cambio de grado al Centro de Recursos Familiares (FRC).

