

**Franklin Public Schools
Franklin, Massachusetts 02038**

Action Required

Subject: Policy 1st Reading

Date: March 28, 2023

Dept: SC

Reason: Required Vote

Enclosure: yes

Recommendation:

Policy - First Readings

I recommend moving the following policies to a second reading as discussed:

- JEB - Entrance Age (formerly JEA)
- JCAC - Assignment of Students from other Districts or Homeschooling

Action Requested of the School Committee:

Majority vote of the School Committee is required.

<u>Vote Tabulator</u>	
C. Bernstein: Y / N	D. McNeill: Y / N
D. Callaghan: Y / N	M. Whitmore: Y / N
Al Charles: Y / N	D Spencer: Y / N
E Stokes: Y / N	Action: _____

Entrance Age

The policy for admission to kindergarten and first grade has been developed so that all children will be successful as they enter school. For the purpose of this policy, the school year is defined as beginning July 1st and ending the following June 30th in accordance with Department of Elementary and Secondary Education regulations.

The Franklin School Committee establishes the age of admission to elementary school at five (5). Pupils shall be five years of age on or before August 31 of the ~~current schoolsame~~ year to enter kindergarten and shall be six years of age on or before August 31 of the ~~current school~~ year the student enters first grade.

Kindergarten Enrollment Students who have completed a full-year of full-day ~~NAEYC accredited~~ kindergarten with another public school district will be eligible to enter grade one. However the Franklin Public Schools reserves the right to ~~a~~ review the placement of any underage child after 30 school days and to change the grade level placement if deemed appropriate by the principal in consultation with parents/guardian and the Superintendent.

A parent/guardian may petition the Superintendent to assess the child for grade acceleration if:

- The family moved to Franklin from another community or from out of state and
 - ~~T~~the child attended a full day ~~NAEYC accredited~~ public school program or an ~~NAEYC~~ full day independent private kindergarten program for 90 school days or more
- OR
- If a parent/guardian residing in Franklin enrolls an underage child in a private independent ~~NAEYC accredited~~ kindergarten program in order to circumvent the Age of Admission policy the parent/guardian may petition the ~~S~~superintendent and request the child be assessed for grade acceleration.
 - If the child is not deemed an appropriate candidate for grade acceleration, ~~they~~he/she may be placed in kindergarten for an additional year.

For the purpose of this policy, a student is considered a resident of Franklin if the student actually resides in Franklin. However, if a student resides temporarily in Franklin, for the special purpose of attending school, and ~~their~~his or her parents'/guardians' legal residence is determined to be in a city or town other than Franklin, then the School Committee may recover tuition fees from said student's parents/guardians.

All decisions regarding placement are final.

LEGAL REFS. M.G.L. 76:6

CROSS REF.: JHD, Denial of Admission from School Attendance

Reviewed, no revisions 2/7/12

Reviewed, no revisions 8/18/16

ASSIGNMENT OF STUDENTS FROM OTHER SCHOOL DISTRICTS OR HOMESCHOOLING

Students transferring from another school or district or from homeschooling into the [Franklin Public Schools](#) will be placed in a grade based on their age on or before August 31 of the current school year.

- A student enrolling who is five years old on or before August 31 of the current school year will be placed in Kindergarten.
- A student enrolling who is six years old on or before August 31 of the current school year, and who has completed kindergarten, will be placed in first grade.
- A student enrolling who is seven years old or older on or before August 31 of the current school year will be placed in the age appropriate grade, unless the student has attended a different grade level in their previous school district. In this case, the student will be placed according to the building principal's evaluation for a grade placement.
- Students enrolling in grades 7 through 12 from another school or district or from homeschooling into the [Franklin Public Schools](#) will be placed based on placement testing and a review of records from the student's previous school(s).

[All decisions regarding placement are final.](#)

Students enrolled in school elsewhere will not be permitted to enroll in the [Franklin Public Schools](#). Students who have earned a diploma or the equivalent from another secondary school will not be permitted to enroll in the [Franklin Public Schools](#).

LEGAL REF.: M.G.L. [76:1](#)

CROSS REF.: [JEA - Entrance Age | Franklin School District](#)

Approved: