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School Admissions and Student Transfers To and From Non-District Schools

Age

To be eligible for admission, a child must be five years old on or before September 1 of that school term. A child entering first grade must be six years of age on or before September 1 of that school term. Based upon an assessment of a child's readiness to attend school, the District may permit students to attend school prior to these dates. A child will also be allowed to attend first grade based upon an assessment of the student's readiness if the student attended a non-public preschool, continued his or her education at that school through kindergarten, was taught in kindergarten by an appropriately licensed teacher, and will be six years old on or before December 31. A child with exceptional needs who qualifies for special education services is eligible for admission at three years of age. Early entrance to kindergarten or first grade may also be available through Board policy on Acceleration.

Admission Procedure

All students must register for school each year on the dates and at the place designated by the Superintendent. Parents/guardians of students enrolling in the District for the first time must present:

1. A certified copy of the student's birth certificate. If a birth certificate is not presented, the Superintendent or designee shall notify in writing the person enrolling the student that within 30 days a copy of the student's birth certificate must be provided. A student will be enrolled without a birth certificate. When a certified copy of the birth certificate is presented, the school shall promptly make a copy for its records, place the copy in the student's permanent record, and return the certified copy to the person enrolling the child. If a person enrolling a student fails to provide a certified copy of the student's birth certificate, the Superintendent or designee shall immediately notify the local law enforcement agency, and shall also notify the person enrolling the student in writing that, unless a copy of the birth certificate is provided within ten days, the case will be referred to the local law enforcement authority for investigation. If compliance is not obtained within that ten-day period, the Superintendent or designee shall refer the case. The Superintendent or designee shall immediately report to the local law enforcement authority any material received pursuant to this paragraph that appears inaccurate or suspicious in form or content.
2. Proof of residence, as required by Board policy and administrative procedure.
3. Proof of disease immunization or detection and the required physical examination, as required by State law and Board policy.

Dependents of Military Personnel

The individual enrolling a student shall be given the opportunity to voluntarily state whether the student has a parent or guardian who is a member of a branch of the U.S. Armed Forces and who is either deployed to active duty or expects to be deployed to active duty during the school year. Students who are children of active duty military personnel transferring will be allowed to enter: (a) the same grade level in which they studied at the school from which they transferred, if the transfer occurs during the District's school year or, (b) the grade level following the last grade completed. Dependent students may maintain their residency in the district if the parent is required to change their residence due to military obligation. Dependent students housed in temporary housing located outside the district may be allowed to enroll in the district if the dependent will be living within the district within 6 months after the time of initial enrollment. Applicants under this provision must provide evidence that the student will be living within the district within 6 months.

The district shall not refuse enrollment to a student solely because the parent/guardian is unable to produce records normally required for enrollment.

Homeless Children

Any homeless child shall be immediately admitted, even if the child or child's parent/guardian is unable to produce records normally required for enrollment.

Foster Care Students

The Superintendent will appoint at least one employee to act as a liaison to facilitate the enrollment and transfer of records of students in the legal custody of the Ill. Dept. of Children and Family Services when enrolling in or changing schools. The District's liaison ensures that DCFS' Office of Education and Transition Services receives all written notices and records pertaining to students in the legal custody of DCFS as required by State law.

Student Transfers To and From Non-District Schools

A student may transfer into or out of the District according to State law and procedures developed by the Superintendent or designee. A student seeking to transfer into the District must serve the entire term of any suspension or expulsion, imposed for any reason by any public or private school, in this or any other state, before being admitted into the School District.

LEGAL REF.: 8 U.S.C. §1101, Illegal Immigrant and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996.
 20 U.S.C. §1232, Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act
 20 U.S.C. §1400 et seq., Individuals With Disabilities Education Improvement Act.
 29 U.S.C. §794, Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Section 504.
 42 U.S.C. §11431 et seq., McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act.
 105 ILCS 5/2-3.13a, 5/10-20.12, 5/10-22.5a, 5/14-1.02, 5/14-1.03a, 5/26-1, 5/26-2, 5/27-8.1,
 105 ILCS 10/8.1, Ill. School Student Records Act
 105 ILCS 45/, Education for Homeless Children Act.
 105 ILCS 70/, Educational Opportunity for Military Children Act.
 325 ILCS 50/, Missing Children Records Act.
 325 ILCS 55/, Missing Children Registration Law.
 410 ILCS 315/2e, Communicable Disease Prevention Act.
 20 Ill.Admin.Code Part 1290, Missing Person Birth Records and School Registration.
 23 Ill.Admin.Code Part 226, Special Education.
 23 Ill.Admin.Code Part 375, Student Records

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