

WILSON AREA
SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: STUDENTS

TITLE: Age Requirements
Kindergarten, 1st Grade

<p>1. Authority</p>	<p>The Board shall establish age requirements for the admission of beginning students, which are consistent with statute and sound educational practice and ensure the equitable treatment of all eligible children.</p>
<p>2. Guidelines</p>	<p>Children who are entering kindergarten should be five years of age on or before September 1.</p> <p>Children who are entering first grade, with no previous kindergarten experience, should be six years of age on or before September 1.</p> <p>In cases where the parents of a September-birthday child feel the child is ready for school, the parent/ guardian may request district-administered psycho-developmental testing. The parent/guardian will, in writing to the Superintendent or Director of Student Services, request testing and the reasons they believe their child is ready for early entrance into school. The written request shall be made no later than June 1 of the year in which enrollment is being sought. This testing will determine whether or not the child demonstrates at least one year advancement in global readiness for learning, the district standard for admission below the minimum age requirement. A district certified school psychologist will administer the test and report on his/her findings; the Director of Student Services and/or Superintendent will review the report and render a final decision.</p> <p>The parent must pay a non-refundable amount of \$250 in advance of testing for this service. The district will not consider any independent evaluation done outside the district.</p> <p>The fee for testing is subject to periodic increases to reflect more closely the actual cost for the district. The testing fees will be waived if the parent can show their household income is within the limits of the Federal Eligibility Income Guidelines as outlined on the free/reduced lunch application. The access to psycho-developmental testing is provided only for children with September birthdays.</p>