



Compulsory Enrollment; Age and Grade Level at Entrance

All children between the ages of 6 and 18 years who have not completed the 12th grade are required to regularly attend public school full-time, unless exempted by ORS 339.030 and PPS 4.10.010-P.

- 1) **Preschool through First grade:** Admission is allowed for children whose birthdays occur on or before September 1, as follows:
 - a) **Preschool:** A child is eligible to apply for Preschool if their third birthday occurs on or before September 1.
 - b) **Pre-Kindergarten:** A child is eligible to apply for Pre-Kindergarten if their fourth birthday occurs on or before September 1.
 - i) A child whose fifth birthday occurs on or before September 1 is not eligible for Pre-Kindergarten.
 - c) **Kindergarten:** A child will be admitted to Kindergarten if their fifth birthday occurs on or before September 1.
 - i) A student whose sixth birthday occurs on or before September 1 may enroll in Kindergarten if they have not successfully completed a kindergarten program.
 - ii) If the parent/guardian wishes, a student who has been enrolled in Kindergarten outside of PPS may be placed in Kindergarten when entering the District during the school year, even if their birth date occurs after September 1.
 - d) **First Grade:** A child will be admitted to the first grade if their sixth birthday occurs on or before September 1, or with evidence of successful completion of a kindergarten program.
 - i) A child whose sixth birthday occurs after September 1 who has been enrolled in first grade outside of PPS will be placed in first grade when entering the District during the school year.
- 2) **Second through Twelfth Grade:** A student newly enrolling in PPS will be assigned to a grade based on their prior school experience:
 - a) A student who has successfully completed a grade level will be enrolled in the next grade level when entering the District at the start of a school year.
 - b) A student who has been enrolled in a grade level outside of PPS will be placed in that same grade level when entering the District during the school year.



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- c) A student who is newly enrolling without educational records from a previous school will be placed in the appropriate grade level based on their age. Course selection for a middle or high-school student will occur in collaboration with the student, family, counselor and other school staff, and take into consideration student skill level and necessary high school graduation requirements.
- 3) Students 19 years of age: Students who turn 19 years of age during the school year shall continue to be eligible for a free and appropriate public education for the remainder of the school year.
- 4) Students 21 years of age: The District shall admit otherwise eligible students who have not yet attained 21 years of age prior to the beginning of the current school year if they are shown to be in need of additional education in order to receive a diploma or are receiving special education services and have not yet received a regular high school diploma. These students may attend school without paying tuition for the remainder of the school year.
- 5) Nothing in this policy prevents a family from seeking grade acceleration or retention, as allowed in [Policy 4.20.010-P](#).

Legal References: ORS 327.006; ORS 336.092; ORS 336.095; ORS 339.115

History:

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