

## **STUDENTS**                      QUALIFICATIONS OF ATTENDANCE AND PLACEMENT

### Entrance Qualifications

Parents requesting an exemption from the age of admission requirement for kindergarten or first grade shall provide to the district the results of an assessment using the instruments and processes approved by the superintendent and conducted by a licensed or certified psychologist. If the assessment is conducted by district staff a fee of \$200 shall be charged except that such fee may be reduced to \$50 for persons whose families, by reason of their low income, would have difficulty in paying the entire amount of such fees. For purposes of this waiver or reduction, the USDA Child Nutrition Program guidelines shall be used. The district reserves the right to reassess the child at its own cost before granting an exemption.

If a child exceeds the norm in each ability area, the exemption shall be granted. The superintendent or designee may grant conditional exemptions to children who perform at or near the norm in most or all of the areas of ability. The parent shall be notified of the conditional status of the exemption and that it may be withdrawn if, after 2 months, the child performs substantially below the expected level in any of the ability areas.

In the event an exemption is denied, a conditional exemption is withdrawn, or a screening fee waiver is denied, the parent shall be promptly notified of the reasons and of the opportunity to have the decisions reviewed in the manner provided by the district's policy on citizen complaints.

As a minimum, eligibility for the exemption shall be based upon an analysis of the child's (1) physical, health and motor development, (2) social and emotional development, (3) approaches toward learning, (4) language, literacy and communication; and, (5) cognition and general knowledge. Where feasible, assessment devices shall be used that shall permit students who are to be considered for exemption to be compared to the level of performance that would be expected of children with a chronological age of 5 years for kindergarten and 6 years for first grade in each of the areas of ability.

### Admission of Students Aged Twenty-One or Older

The student shall petition the superintendent for admission.

The petition shall identify the student's name, age, address and grade level or program of study.

If approved, the petition shall specify the tuition fee to be paid, shall be signed by the student and the superintendent and shall constitute the written agreement required by law. It shall be retained as a public document and made available to the state superintendent of public instruction upon request.

The tuition fee shall be calculated in the same way the state superintendent of public instruction determines the cost of educating a student in the district, except that a handicapped student who turns twenty-one during the school year shall only pay that amount of money deemed as "excess cost."