

## SUGAR VALLEY RURAL CHARTER SCHOOL

POLICY NUMBER: 201  
SECTION: PUPILS  
TITLE: **ADMISSION OF STUDENTS**  
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### **ADMISSION OF STUDENTS**

#### PURPOSE

The Board shall establish age requirements for the admission of students to first grade and to kindergarten that are consistent with state law and regulations.

#### First Grade

**Beginners** are students entering the lowest grade of the primary school above the kindergarten level. Beginners shall be admitted to school during the first two (2) weeks of the annual school term and thereafter at the district's discretion. A child who is eight (8) years of age shall be admitted to school at any time during the school year.

The Board establishes the district's entry age for beginners as six (6) years before September 1.

The Board may admit as a beginner a child who is five (5) years old and demonstrates readiness for entry by the first day of the school term, upon the written request of the parent/guardian, recommendation of the district psychologist, and approval of the Superintendent.

The Board is not required to admit as a beginner any child whose age is less than the schools established admission age for beginners.

#### Kindergarten:

A child is eligible for Kindergarten if s/he has attained the age of five (5) years on or before the first day of September.

A child who is 4.7 years on or before the first day of September may be eligible for Kindergarten.

The child must meet the following criteria to enroll.

- Pass the SVRCS Kindergarten screening
- Receive administrative approval

Early-entry Kindergarten students (younger than 5 years old), may be admitted to SVRCS only after all 5-year old Kindergarten students have been admitted. If a Kindergarten lottery is required, students will be slotted on the wait list according to SVRCS Board Policy 820 (Admission of Students and Lottery Process).

#### References

School Code – 24 P.S. Sec 503, 1301, 1301, 1304, 1326

State Board of Education Regulations – 22 PA code Sec. 4.41, 11.12 11.21, 11.14, 11.15, 11.16, 11.41

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