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5.04 - Requirements for Original Entry

POLICY:

- (1) Attendance in the kindergarten program is mandatory.
- (2) For admission to kindergarten, the child must have attained the age of five (5) years on or before September 1 of the school year.
- (3) Any student who transfers from an out-of-state public school and does not meet regular age requirements for admission to Florida public schools shall be admitted upon presentation of the documentation required by 6A-1.0985, SBER.
- (4) Before admitting a child to pre-kindergarten or kindergarten, the principal shall require evidence that the child has attained the age at which he/she should be admitted in accordance with the provisions of law. The Superintendent may require evidence of the age of any child whom he/she believes to be within the limits of compulsory attendance.
 - (a) Evidence of date of birth as provided by law shall be accepted in the following order: (1003.21, F.A.)
 1. Transcript of the child's birth record;
 2. Transcript of a certificate of baptism;
 3. An insurance policy on the child's life in force for not less than two years;
 4. A bona fide contemporary Bible record of the child's birth accompanied by an affidavit sworn to by the parent;
 5. A passport; or
 6. If none of the above can be produced, an affidavit of age sworn to by the parent and accompanied by a certificate of age signed by the public health officer or by a physician designated by the Board.
 - (b) Certification of a school entry medical exam performed within one year prior to enrollment in school (any child shall be exempt from the requirement of a health examination upon written request of the parent or guardian of such child stating objections to such exam on religious grounds.

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A school entry health exam may be documented on the State of Florida Department of HRS-H Form 3040 or a form that indicates the results of the components included in the health examination)(1003.22, F.S.);

- (c) Documentation on HRS Form 680-A or B of current immunizations as determined by rules of the Department of Children and Families. (Any child may be granted exemption from the immunization requirements whose parent or guardian objects in writing because such conflicts with their religious tenets or practices or where a medical authority certifies in writing that the child shall be excused from the required immunizations for medical reasons.) (1003.22, F.S.)
- (5) Any pupil entering school in Levy County shall provide the following:
 - (a) A medical examination as defined in School Board Policy 5.04 (b) (1003.22, F.S.) and
 - (b) Certificate of immunization (1003.22, F.S.)
- (6) Pupils who fail to file the required health information stated in Subsection (4) (b) above within thirty (30) school days shall be excluded from school.
- (7) A pupil enrolled as an original entry shall present evidence of date of birth as provided in Section (4) (a) of these regulations or a transcript of a record of age recorded on his/her school record of at least four (4) years prior to application. Placement will be made according to the pupil's report card; however, in the absence of a report card, the pupil may be temporarily assigned to the grade deemed proper until a copy of his/her official record is received.
- (8) Any student who initially enrolls in the District shall be required to report any previous school expulsions, arrests resulting in a charge and juvenile justice actions, and any prior referrals to mental health services. If the student is admitted, the student may be placed in an appropriate educational program and referred to mental health services identified by the school district, when appropriate, at the discretion of the School Board. The School Board will honor the final order of expulsion or dismissal of a student if an act would have been grounds for expulsion according the SBLC Code of Student Conduct.
- (9) Complete information on pupil placement is found in the Student Progression Plan. This document is available at the School Board office.

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