

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF PITTSVILLE BOARD POLICY

STUDENTS

SCHOOL ADMISSIONS

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Any student seeking school admission in the district must reside within the established boundaries of the district, except otherwise provided by law and/or Board policy.

Individuals enrolling a student are expected to follow the district's registration procedures prior to assignment by the Principal to a grade or schedule of classes.

Students enrolling in 4-year-old kindergarten or 5-year-old kindergarten are required to provide an original birth certificate as proof of age. The district's registration procedures shall be sufficiently flexible so as to not unlawfully interfere with the prompt admission, school placement, and attendance of children in special legal status that provided rights and protection regarding school enrollment (i.e. homeless, foster care, Safe at Home program participants, etc.)

Students transferring from other school systems are required to provide a transcript of academic accomplishments at the previous school/program or the address from which this data may be secured. If insufficient academic transcript information is available or the student is entering the school district from a home-based private educational program or private school, the student may be required to take appropriate academic tests to assist in making a placement.

Parents or guardians of students admitted to the district's elementary and secondary schools shall present immunization records as required by law. These requirements can only be waived for health, religious, or personal conviction reasons if the student (if an adult) or the student's parent/guardian or legal custodian submits a written statement to the school or child care center. In addition, students are encouraged to have a complete physical prior to entering school. Students entering kindergarten in the district shall also be requested to provide evidence that they have had their eyes examined by an optometrist or evaluated by a physician.

The School District shall not discriminate in admissions to any school, class, program or activity or facilities usage on the basis of sex, race, color, religion, national origin, ancestry, creed, pregnancy, parental or marital status, homelessness status, sexual orientation, or physical, learning, emotional, or mental disability or handicap. This does not, however, prohibit placing a student in a school, class, program, or activity based on objective standards of individual performance or need. Discrimination complaints shall be processed in accordance with established procedures.

Nothing in this policy shall prevent the District from denying the admission of a student during the term of his/her expulsion from another Wisconsin public school, out-of-state public school, or independent charter school in Wisconsin, or from setting enrollment conditions that the expelled student must meet in order to be admitted, consistent with legal requirements.

LEGAL REFERENCES:

Wisconsin Statutes

- 115.997 interstate compact on educational opportunity for military children
- 118.13 student nondiscrimination
- 118135 eye examinations for students entering kindergarten
- 118.14 age of students for admission

- 118.145 high school admissions; includes private school and tribal school students taking high school courses
- 118.51 full-time public school open enrollment
- 118.52 part-time open enrollment
- 118.53 attendance in public school courses by home-based private educational program students
- 120.13(1)(f) authority to deny admission of student during term of expulsion
- 120.13(1)(h) conditional enrollment of expelled students
- 121.77 admission of nonresident students
- 121.84 admission of nonresident students; tuition waivers
- 165.68 address confidentiality program
- 252.04 immunizations required upon school admission

Wisconsin Administrative Code

- PI 9.03(1) student nondiscrimination in school admission policies

Federal Laws

- McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Assistance Act [equal access for homeless students; required policies to remove barriers]
- Title I, Part A of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act [20 U.S.C. §6311(g)(1)E and §6312(c)(5) [education agency requirements related to ensuring the educational stability of children in foster care]
- Title IV of the Social Security Act [42 U.S.C. §671(a)(10) and §675(1)(G) [child welfare agency requirements related to supporting normalcy for children in foster care and ensuring the educational stability of children in foster care]

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