

Descriptor Term:

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ENTRANCE AGE

ISSUE DATE: **1-5-04**

1. Except as provided in subsection (2) of this policy, no child be enrolled or admitted to any school of the Jackson County School District during any school year unless such child will reach his fifth birthday on or before September 1 of said school year for enrollment in kindergarten and unless such child will reach his sixth birthday on or before September 1 of said school year for enrollment in first grade. No pupil shall be permanently enrolled in a school who formerly was enrolled in another school within the state until the cumulative record of said pupil shall have been received from the school from which he transferred. Should such record have become lost or destroyed, then it shall be the duty of the superintendent or principal of the school where the pupil last attended school to initiate a new record.
2. Any child who transfers from an out-of-state public or private school in which that state's law provides for a first-grade or kindergarten enrollment date prior to September 1, shall be allowed to enroll in the schools of the Jackson County School District, at the same grade level as their prior out-of-state enrollment, if:
 - a. The parent, legal guardian or custodian of such child was a legal resident of the state from which the child is transferring;
 - b. The out-of-state school from which the child is transferring is duly accredited by that state's appropriate accrediting authority;
 - c. Such child was legally enrolled in a public or private school for a minimum of four (4) weeks in the previous state; and
 - d. The superintendent of schools has determined that the child was making satisfactory educational progress in the previous state.

Legal Ref: MS Code 37-15-9 Enrollment of Pupils