

## STUDENTS: Enrollment and Attendance

Admission

1. [Kindergarten students wishing to transfer from private schools, who do not meet the age requirement for kindergarten enrollment, shall not be accepted.] Transfers from private schools for students enrolled in [grades one] KINDERGARTEN to GRADE twelve shall be accepted in accordance with established policy (POLICY 5160: TRANSFERS) for students transferring from other schools.
2. [Each child who has reached the age of five by December 31 shall be enrolled in school,] CHILDREN WHO ARE FIVE (5) YEARS OF AGE ON OR BEFORE OCTOBER 31, 2004 FOR THE 2004-2005 SCHOOL YEAR, AND SEPTEMBER 30, 2005 FOR THE 2005-2006 SCHOOL YEAR SHALL BE ENROLLED IN KINDERGARTEN. THEREAFTER, CHILDREN WHO ARE FIVE (5) YEARS OF AGE ON OR BEFORE SEPTEMBER 1 SHALL BE ENROLLED IN KINDERGARTEN.
3. FOR ENROLLMENT IN A BALTIMORE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL, THE BURDEN OF PROOF OF DATE OF BIRTH IS UPON THE PARENT(S)/GUARDIAN(S). CUSTOMARILY, A PARENT(S) /GUARDIAN(S) PRODUCES A BIRTH CERTIFICATE AS EVIDENCE; HOWEVER, A BAPTISMAL CERTIFICATE OR OTHER LEGAL DOCUMENTS, SUCH AS A PASSPORT, SHALL CONSTITUTE ADEQUATE EVIDENCE. [The present rule of admitting kindergarten students who are five years of age on or before December 31 of the school year in which they enroll offers the possibility that some children may enroll who are not able to benefit from a formal program of education.]  
  
[When a principal feels he/she has enrolled a kindergarten student who lacks ability to cope with the kindergarten program of education, the principal shall refer the student to clinical services for evaluation. If, in the opinion of the principal, teacher, and psychologist, the child cannot profit from kindergarten work, the principal shall convey the necessary information to the parent to support the reasons for suggesting an alternate program.]
4. Children receiving home instruction shall not be enrolled in public school programs (RULE 6173: HOME & HOSPITAL TEACHING). They can request standardized testing and Special Education services.

Also, see rules, "Assignment to Special Education Programs," in this series.

Legal References: *Annotated Code of Maryland*, Education Article,  
State Board of Education Bylaw  
Code of Maryland Regulations (“COMAR”)  
13A.10.01 General Regulations  
13A.10.01 Subtitle 10 Home Instruction  
13A.08.01.01B Attendance  
13A.08.01.02 Age for School Attendance  
13A.08.02.02B Age for School Attendance, Kindergarten  
13A.08.01.02-2 Exceptions to Kindergarten Attendance  
Requirement

Code of Federal Regulations (34 C.F.R. Section §§300-403) Individuals with Disabilities  
Education Act, 1972

Rule

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