

8210 ENTRANCE AGE

A child shall be eligible for admission into kindergarten at the beginning of the school year if the child is five years of age or will be five years of age on or before July 31 of the calendar year in which the child is seeking admission begins. The Grand Island Public Schools may admit a child who will reach the age of five years on or after August 1 and on or before October 15 of such school year if the parent or guardian requests such entrance and provides an affidavit stating that (i) the child attended kindergarten in another jurisdiction in the current school year; (ii) the family anticipates a relocation to another jurisdiction that would allow admission within the current year; or (iii) the child has demonstrated through a recognized assessment procedure approved by the School Board that the child is capable of carrying the work of kindergarten. The parents or legal guardian shall furnish proof of birth, physical and visual evaluation, and immunizations at the time of entry.

Decisions regarding early kindergarten entrance must include consideration of the Early Entrance Guidelines, available after January 15 at the student's neighborhood school, and shall not be made based on race, color, religion, national origin, ethnicity, age, sex or gender, sexual orientation, disability, or marital status of the child or the child's parents or guardians. Institutional factors, such as capacity, may also be considered.

**Admission to First Grade:**

A child may be eligible to enter first grade, even if the child has not attended kindergarten, if the child is six years of age or will be six years of age on or before October 15 of the current school year and school officials determine that first grade is the appropriate placement for the child.

**Graduates:**

A student who has received a high school diploma or received a General Equivalency Diploma shall not be eligible for admission or continued enrollment.

**Age 21:**

A student shall not be admitted or continued in enrollment after the end of the school year in which the student reaches the age of 21. The school year for this purpose ends at the last day of instruction for graduating seniors.

**Enrollment of Expelled Students:**

If a student has been expelled from any public school district in any state, or from a private denominational or parochial school in any state, and the student has not completed the terms or time period of the expulsion, the student shall not be permitted to enroll in this school district until the expulsion period from such other school has expired, unless the School Board of this school district in its sole and absolute discretion upon a proper application approves by a majority vote the enrollment of such student prior to expiration of the expulsion period. As a condition of enrollment, the School Board may require attendance in an alternative school, class or educational program pursuant to Nebraska law until the terms or time period of the original underlying expulsion are completed. A student expelled from a private, denominational, or parochial school or from any public school in another state, will not be prohibited from enrolling in the public school district in which the student resides or in which the student has been accepted pursuant to the enrollment option program for any period of time beyond the time limits placed on expulsion, pursuant to the Student Discipline Act, or for any expulsion for an offense for which expulsion is not authorized for a public school student under such Act. For purposes of this policy, the term expulsion or expelled includes any removal from any school for a period in excess of twenty (20) school days.

**Military Families:**

If a parent presents evidence to the District of military orders that military family will be stationed in the State of Nebraska during the current or following school year, the District will preliminarily enroll the parent's students.

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Legal Reference:       Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 43-2001 to 43-2012  
                          Neb. Rev. Stat. § 79-214  
                          Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 79-217 to 79-223  
                          Neb. Rev. Stat. § 79-266.01  
                          173 NAC Chapters 3 and 4 (HHS Regulations)

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