

### **General Entrance Requirements**

Children whose parents or legal guardians are residents of the district are eligible to attend classes in the district's schools pursuant to state law and Board policies. An official birth certificate or other valid proof of age shall be required for all students entering kindergarten or entering school for the first time in the first grade. The district complies with the birthday requirements established by the Oregon Revised for student entrance into kindergarten and first grade. The district may consider a child for early entrance into kindergarten or first grade subject to the philosophy and guidelines established below.

### **Standard Age Requirements**

- **Kindergarten**

Any child whose fifth birthday falls on or before September 1 is eligible to enter kindergarten at the opening of school in September of the same year. Proof of birthdate is required for registration. There will be no exceptions to the birthdate requirement for enrollment in kindergarten.

- **First Grade**

Any child whose sixth birthday falls on or before September 1 is eligible to enter the first grade at the opening of school in September of the same year. Proof of birthdate is required at registration.

### **Application for Early Entrance**

- **Kindergarten**

Students who are five years old on or before September 1 may enroll in kindergarten. Recognizing that other states and countries may have different minimum age requirements for school admission, Bend-La Pine Schools will accept out-of-state transfer students in kindergarten who are younger than age five on September 1 if they have been enrolled through the month of September, as a kindergarten student.

- **First Grade**

Students who are six years old on or before September 1 may enroll in first grade. Recognizing that other states and countries may have different minimum age requirements for school admission, the district will accept students in first grade who are younger than age six on September 1 if they have maintained regular attendance in any grade of a public full-time school during the entire school term, or if they have documentation of successful completion of a kindergarten program in the prior school year.

**END OF POLICY**

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#### **Legal References:**

ORS 327.006	ORS 339.115
ORS 336.092	ORS 343.395
ORS 336.095	SB 321 (2015)

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