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**KANAWHA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY**  
**Public School/Public Kindergarten Entrance Requirements**

**Series: J22**

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- 22.1 **Kindergarten Program.** Beginning with the 2019-20 school year, students who have attained the age of 5 prior to July 1 of the relevant school year may enter a kindergarten program operated by Kanawha County Schools.
- 22.2 **Kindergarten Program/Early Entrance.** A parent or guardian of a pupil, which pupil has not attained the age of 5 prior to July 1, but, who, effective as of the 2019-2020 school year, will attain the age of 5 prior to December 31<sup>st</sup>, of the relevant school year, may apply for early entry to a kindergarten program operated by Kanawha County Schools. Applications for early entry must be made on or before August 1, prior to the commencement of the relevant school year. Early entry will be based upon such testing and assessment procedures as are adopted from time to time by the Department of elementary Education. Applications that describe the testing and assessment procedure will be made available at the office of the Assistant Superintendent of Elementary Schools and the administration of the test will be subject to a reasonable fee established by the office Elementary Schools. All such tests and assessments will be administered by qualified personnel of Kanawha County Schools. Candidates for early entry to kindergarten who move to the District during the summer may make application for early entry testing prior to two weeks before the first day ~~day~~ for students in the relevant school year. Applications made after that date will not be considered. Based upon the results of such tests and assessments, along with any recommendation attending such results, the Superintendent or his/her designee shall render a written decision relative to an application for early entry. Such decisions shall be final and shall not be subject to appeal.
- 22.3 **First Grade/Attendance At Approved Kindergarten.** A pupil who has successfully completed one year in a kindergarten program approved by the state superintendent of Schools pursuant to West Virginia Code §18-5-18 or a kindergarten program offered by a Montessori kindergarten which is included on a list published by the State Superintendent of Schools may enter first grade in Kanawha County Schools.

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22.4 **First Grade/Readiness Test.** Pupils who have attained the age of 6 prior to ~~June~~ July 1 of the relevant school year, but who have not completed a one year kindergarten program approved by the State Superintendent of Schools pursuant to West Virginia Code §18-5-18 or a kindergarten program offered by Montessori kindergarten which is included on a list published by the State Superintendent of Schools must pass a readiness test. Such readiness test will be administered two weeks prior to the first day for students for the applicable school year and applications must be made at least three weeks prior the first day for students. Application forms shall be made available at the office of the Assistant Superintendent of Elementary Schools and the administration of the test will be subject to a reasonable fees. Any pupil who fails to take and/or pass a readiness test may satisfy the compulsory attendance requirements of West Virginia Code §18-8-1 through entry into a kindergarten program approved by the State Superintendent of Schools pursuant to west Virginia Code §18-5-18 or a kindergarten program offered by Montessori School which is included on a list published by the State Superintendent.

22.5 **Transfers.** Any pupil who attended public school or other approved school in another state or county or who attended a public school in this state or attended a school operated under the provisions of West Virginia Code §18-28-1 et seq. may enroll in such grade as the pupil was enrolled at the school from which the pupil transferred. All other pupils who transfer from other schools or other modes of instruction must be tested to determine appropriate instructional placement. Nothing in this section shall be construed to authorize testing for credit necessary to graduate from a high school.