

<b>Saint Helens School District 502</b>
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### **Age Waiver to Enter Schools**

Parents wishing to enter a child in school who has not reached the required age on or before September 1st must submit such a request in writing to the district. This request will need to state the reason the parent(s) feel the child is ready to enter school. Any supporting information, reports or evaluations should also be included with the request (i.e., reports and/or independent evaluation done by qualified examiner).

Requests for age waivers will be considered on an individual basis with the following criteria used as a guideline. It is not mandatory that a child meet each and every one of the criteria.

1. ORS 339.115 (9) A child entering the first grade during the fall term shall be considered to be six years of age if the sixth birthday of the child occurs on or before September 1. A child entering kindergarten during the fall term shall be considered to be five years of age if the fifth birthday of the child occurs on or before September 1. However, nothing in this section prevents a district school board from admitting free of charge a child whose needs for cognitive, social and physical development would be met in the school program. As defined by policies of the district school board, to enter school even though the child has not attained the minimum age requirement but is a resident of the district.
2. ORS 343.395 (7) states: “Talented and Gifted Children means those children who require special education programs or services, or both, beyond those normally provided by the regular school program in order to realize their contribution to self and society and who demonstrate outstanding ability or potential in one or more of the following areas:
  - a. General intellectual ability as commonly measured by measures of intelligence and aptitude.
  - b. Unusual academic ability in one or more academic areas.
  - c. Creative ability in using original or nontraditional methods of thinking and producing.
  - d. Leadership ability in motivating the performance of others either in educational or noneducational settings.
  - e. Ability in the visual or performing arts, such as dance, music or art.”
3. Age waiver criteria
  - a. An evaluation by qualified professional.
  - b. An I.Q. score two standard deviation above the average norm (i.e. WISC, WHOOPSIE).
  - c. Social maturity – no significant behavioral deviations (i.e. DIAL-3).
  - d. Above average on readiness measurement scale in all areas (i.e. DIAL-3\_).
  - e. Length of time between September 1 and child’s birthday.
4. Appropriate licensed district employees will confer and, taking the above criteria into consideration, reach a decision as to the request.

5. If the parent(s) disagree with the decision, he/she has the right to obtain an outside third party evaluation for district consideration. An appeal may be made using standard complaint procedures as identified in Board policy KL. Any expenses for additional required evaluation will be the responsibility of the parent(s).
6. In the event an appeal is made to the Board, the decision of the Board shall be final.