



STUDENTS: Enrollment and Attendance

I. Admission

- A. Children who are five (5) years of age on or before September 1 shall be enrolled in kindergarten.
- B. All students entering the Baltimore County Public Schools from private, parochial, or other public schools shall be placed in the grade levels to which they are certified by the sending school. This is provided the child is age eligible or transferring from a nonpublic program certified by the Maryland State Department of Education. All other transfer students are entitled to grade placement as indicated on their transfer records. If it is necessary to change grade placement, such change shall be substantiated by achievement test results, other test results that are available, and the opinions of the classroom teacher and principal. A request for change in grade placement shall be submitted with the substantiating documentation to the Area Assistant Superintendent.
- C. Transfer students are entitled to grade placement as indicated on their transfer cards provided the child is age eligible.
- D. Parents wishing an exception to this requirement may complete the *Waiver for Kindergarten (Level of Maturity)*, place the child in an approved alternative setting, initiate home instruction, or follow the procedures in the *Guidelines for Applying for Early Enrollment into Kindergarten*.
- E. Every parent/guardian must present the child's birth certificate or other satisfactory evidence of age at the first enrollment in a county public school.

POLICY 5110

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