



### **5.03 ORIGINAL ENTRY, REQUIREMENTS FOR—**

Except as noted in this section, all students entering a Florida school for the first time shall meet the requirements as enumerated.

I. Immunization--All students enrolled in the school district of Nassau County shall be required to present a certification of immunization for those communicable diseases for which immunization is required by the Department of Health. Before attending school, each child or adult applying for admission to pre-kindergarten through grade 12 shall have been fully immunized for poliomyelitis, diphtheria, rubeola, rubella, pertussis, mumps, and tetanus, and may be required to be immunized for such other communicable diseases as may be determined by the Department of Health of the State of Florida. The following exceptions are provided by law:

A. An immunization shall not be required in any year in which the Florida Department of Health determines that the immunization is unnecessary or hazardous.

B. A child or adult may be permanently exempt from this requirement if a physician verifies on a form approved by the Department of Health that they cannot receive any more vaccine due to medical contraindications.

C. A child or adult may be temporarily exempt from immunization and enrolled when such child or adult has been given all the immunizations which can be given in accordance with accepted medical practice up to the time he or she applies for admittance to pre-kindergarten through grade 12.

D. No child or adult shall be exempt from the required immunization for religious reasons until such child, his/her parent or guardian, or adult has filed a request for exemption from immunization on a form approved by the Department of Health with the Superintendent. The Superintendent shall review such request and, upon a finding that said request is based upon good cause, grant the request and thereafter, the child or adult may be enrolled.

E. Thirty (30) school days will be allowed to present the certification requirements for transfer students and students identified as being homeless according to 5.13.

F. Students not providing the required certification in accordance with this section shall be excluded from further attendance by the principal.

G. This provision is subject to the provisions of Florida Statutes section 1003.22 in the event of a declared "communicable disease emergency" by the county health director or the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Health.

II. Health examination--A student initially entering pre-kindergarten through grade 12 in a Florida school shall present a certification of a school entry health examination performed within one (1) year prior to enrollment in school.

A. Parents/Guardians will be allowed up to thirty (30) school days to present certification requirements for all students from Florida or other states.

B. Students whose parents do not provide the required certification in accordance with this section shall be excluded from further attendance by the principal.

C. Any student may be granted an exemption from this requirement if his or her parent or guardian objects in writing because the requirement(s) conflicts with his or her religious tenets or practices. The request for exemption must be on a form approved by the Department of Health and filed with the Superintendent. The Superintendent shall review such request and, upon a finding that said request is based upon good cause, grant the request and thereafter, that child or adult may be enrolled.

D. This provision is subject to the provisions of Florida Statutes section 1003.22 in the event of a declared "communicable disease emergency" by the county health director or the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Health.

III. Age requirement--Before admitting a child, the principal shall require evidence that the child meets the age requirement for compulsory attendance or for admittance to pre-kindergarten or kindergarten, as appropriate.

A. Evidence of date of birth may be established by the following evidence, listed in descending order of acceptability:

1. Transcript of the child's birth record; or
  2. Transcript of Certificate of Baptism; or
  3. An insurance policy on the child's life in force for not less than two (2) years; or
  4. A bona fide contemporary Bible record of the child's birth, accompanied by an affidavit sworn to by the parent; or
  5. A passport or Certificate of Arrival in the United States showing the age of the child;
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6. A transcript of record of age shown in the child's school record of at least 4 years prior to application, stating date of birth; or
  7. If none of the above can be produced, an affidavit of age sworn to by the parent and accompanied by a certificate of age signed by the public health officer or by a physician designated by the School Board.

B. A student enrolled as an original entry shall present evidence of date of birth as provided in these rules or a transcript of record of age recorded on his/her school record of at least four (4) years prior to application. In addition, a report card from the school last attended is requested. The student may be temporarily assigned by the principal to the grade deemed proper until a copy of his/her official record is received or proper grade placement is determined.

C. A child who does not meet the Florida entrance age requirement and who enrolls in a Florida non-public school may not transfer to kindergarten in this district later during the school year.

D. A student previously enrolled in a public school outside the State of Florida, a private or parochial school, or enrolled in the home education program, who seeks admission to a school within the district shall only be admitted under the admission requirements as specified in the Student Progression Plan. Authority: 1001.41(2), 1001.42, F.S. Law Implemented: 1003.22, 1003.21, F.S.; 6A-I.0985, SBER History--New 6/28/90 Amended 11/14/91, 8/22/96, 8/08/02, 12/14/06