

4.1--ADMISSION OF PUPILS

The entrance age for students will be in accordance with state law. The Van Buren School District shall be open and free through completion of the secondary program to all persons in the state between the ages of five (5), as restricted by state law, and twenty-one (21) whose parents, legal guardians, or other persons having lawful control of the person under an order of a court reside within the school district and to all persons between those ages who have been transferred to the district for education purposes.

A child must be five years of age on or before August 1 of the year in which they are seeking initial enrollment and afterwards in order to be enrolled in kindergarten.

- a. Prior to a child's admission to Van Buren Public Schools, the school district shall request the parent, guardian, or other responsible person to furnish the child's social security number and shall inform the parent, guardian, or other responsible person that, in the alternative, they may request that the school district assign the child a nine-digit number designated by the Department of Education. Student's social security numbers will not be made available to the public.
- b. Prior to a child's admission, the parent, guardian, or responsible person shall provide the school district with one (1) of the following documents indicating the child's age:
 1. A birth certificate;
 2. A statement by the local registrar or a county recorder certifying the child's date of birth;
 3. An attested baptismal certificate;
 4. A passport;
 5. An affidavit of the date and place of birth by the child's parent or guardian;
 6. Previous school records; or
 7. A United States military identification.
- c. Prior to a child's admission to Van Buren Public Schools, the parent, guardian, or other responsible person shall indicate on school registration forms whether the child has been expelled from school in any other school district or is a party to an expulsion proceeding.

Prior to a child's admission to the Van Buren Public Schools the parent or guardian, or responsible person shall provide the school district with proof that the child meets all health requirements provided by state law.

Any six year old child who has not completed an accredited kindergarten program prior to initial enrollment shall be evaluated by the school district to determine whether placement for the child shall be in kindergarten or first grade.

Any student who has been enrolled in a state-accredited or state-approved kindergarten program in another state for at least sixty (60) days, who will become five (5) years old during the year in which he or she is enrolled in kindergarten, and who meets the basic residency requirement for school attendance may be enrolled in kindergarten upon written request to the school district.

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