

## SCHOOL ADMISSIONS

### Student Admission

The Board of Education shall provide free public education to all students who are residents of the school district and who are between the ages of 5 and 21 years and who otherwise qualify for admission under Missouri law unless otherwise required by federal law. Federal law also requires the district to provide services to resident students qualifying for special education services between the ages of 3 and 21. Any senior qualifying for graduation at the end of the school semester and attaining age 21 during the course of the semester may complete that particular semester tuition free.

The district may operate an early childhood or pre-kindergarten program on a free or tuition-paying basis and enroll students meeting the age requirements of that program.

Persons seeking admission to the district and its instructional programs must satisfactorily meet all residency, academic, age, immunization, discipline and other eligibility prerequisites as established by Board policy and law. Students who are homeless, in foster care or are otherwise entitled to admission will be admitted in accordance with Board policy and law.

Unless otherwise required by law or Board policy, the district will not allow a student to attend school, including a district-sponsored preschool, daycare or nursery school, until the district has satisfactory evidence on file demonstrating that the student has been immunized, that the immunization process has begun and satisfactory progress is being accomplished, or that the student is exempted from obtaining immunizations in accordance with law.

Students who transfer to the district from another district will be placed in accordance with Board policy.

### Entrance Ages

In accordance with law, a student is eligible for admission to attend the Nixa Public Schools, and is eligible for admission to summer school the summer prior to entering kindergarten, if the student:

1. Reaches the age of five before August 1 of the school year in which he or she plans to enroll;
2. Has attended school, or the summer school prior to a kindergarten school term, in the St. Louis City School District or the Kansas City 33 School District, regardless of the age of the student; or
3. Is a child in the household of an active duty member of the military, including some veterans who are deceased or injured as defined by law, who has successfully completed an accredited

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pre-kindergarten program or has attended an accredited kindergarten in another state, regardless of the age of the student.

A student eligible to attend who has previously attended a kindergarten program or otherwise demonstrates to the satisfaction of the district that he or she is socially and academically ready to progress may be placed in a class, grade or program that would best meet the student's educational needs, after consultation with the student's parent/guardian. Likewise, a student who demonstrates that he or she is not socially or academically ready to enter kindergarten or the grade in which he or she would otherwise be placed may be placed in a preschool or other appropriate class or program offered by the district, after consultation with the student's parent/guardian.

Students who are entering kindergarten or first grade are encouraged to preregister in the spring prior to the fall semester in which they are to begin attendance. Students entering schools in the district will be required to present a birth certificate or other acceptable proof of age if necessary to determine whether the student is eligible to attend school.

### ***Preschool and Pre-Kindergarten Entrance Ages***

In accordance with law, if the district maintains a preschool or pre-kindergarten program for which state aid is collected, a child is eligible for admission to attend the preschool or pre-kindergarten program if the child reaches the age of three before August 1 of the school year in which he or she plans to enroll.

### **Requests for Student Records**

Within two business days of enrolling a student, the school official enrolling the student shall request those records required by district policy for student transfer, including discipline records, from all schools previously attended by the student within the last 12 months.

Within 48 hours of enrolling a nonresident student placed in the district via foster homes, residential care facilities or child-placing agencies pursuant to law, the school official enrolling the student shall request those records required by district policy for student transfer, including discipline records, from all schools and facilities previously attended by the student; the Department of Social Services; the Department of Mental Health; the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education; and any entity involved with the placement of the student within the last 24 months.

The district will accept hand-carried or unofficial records for the purpose of enrolling a student transferring from another state who is in the household of an active duty member of the military, including some veterans who are deceased or injured as defined by law, but will request official records in accordance with this policy.

### **Statement of Prior Suspension, Expulsion or Criminal Offense**

The Board of Education requires the parent, guardian or other person having control or charge of a child of school age to provide upon enrollment a signed statement indicating whether the student has been suspended or expelled from a public or private school in this state or any other state for an offense in violation of Board policies. In addition, the person enrolling the student must affirm that the student has not been convicted of or charged with an act listed in the "Admission Restrictions" section of this policy. This registration document shall be maintained as a part of the student's scholastic record.

### **Students Suspended or Expelled from Another District**

Without the superintendent's or designee's permission, no student may enroll in a school in the district during a suspension or expulsion from another in-state or out-of-state school district, including a private, charter or parochial school or school district, if it is determined upon attempt to enroll that the student's conduct would have resulted in a suspension or expulsion in this district. The parent/guardian or student may request a conference with the superintendent or designee to consider whether the conduct of the student would have resulted in a suspension or expulsion in this district. The superintendent or designee may make such suspension or expulsion from another district effective if it is determined that such conduct would have resulted in a suspension or expulsion in this district. If it is determined that such conduct would not have resulted in a suspension or expulsion in this district, the superintendent or designee shall not make such suspension or expulsion from another school or district effective. The superintendent or designee will consider whether the student has received the due process required by law before making any decision.

A remedial conference will be held in accordance with Board policy prior to the enrollment of any student following a suspension or expulsion from another school for an act of school violence as defined in § 160.261.2, RSMo. The remedial conference will be held regardless of whether such act was committed at a public or private school in this state, provided that such act shall have resulted in the suspension or expulsion of such student in the case of a private school.

### **Admission Restrictions**

In accordance with § 167.171, RSMo., no student may be readmitted or enrolled to a regular program of instruction in the school district if he or she has been convicted of or charged with an act that if committed by an adult would be one of the following:

1. First-degree murder under § 565.020, RSMo.
2. Second-degree murder under § 565.021, RSMo.

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3. First-degree assault under § 565.050, RSMo.
4. Forcible rape, as it existed prior to August 28, 2013, or rape in the first degree under § 566.030, RSMo.
5. Forcible sodomy, as it existed prior to August 28, 2013, or sodomy in the first degree under § 566.060, RSMo.
6. Statutory rape under § 566.032, RSMo.
7. Statutory sodomy under § 566.062, RSMo.
8. Robbery in the first degree under § 569.020, RSMo., as it existed prior to January 1, 2017, or robbery in the first degree under § 570.023, RSMo.
9. Distribution of drugs to a minor under § 195.212, RSMo., as it existed prior to January 1, 2017, or delivery of a controlled substance under § 579.020, RSMo.
10. Arson in the first degree under § 569.040, RSMo.
11. Kidnapping, or kidnapping in the first degree, when classified as a class A felony under § 565.110, RSMo.

Nothing in this section shall prohibit the readmittance or enrollment of any student if a charge has been dismissed or when a student has been acquitted of any of the above acts. This section does not apply to a student with a disability, as identified under state eligibility criteria, who is convicted as a result of an action related to the student's disability. If the district maintains an alternative education program, and the district determines that the placement is appropriate, a student subject to these admission restrictions may be admitted to such an alternative education program.

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***Note: The reader is encouraged to check the index located at the beginning of this section for other pertinent policies and to review administrative procedures and/or forms for related information.***

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565.020 - .021, .050, .110, 566.030, .032, .060, .062, 569.020, .040, 570.023,  
579.020, RSMo.  
McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Assistance Improvements Act of 2001,  
42 U.S.C. §§ 11431 - 11435

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