

SCHOOL ADMISSIONS

The Pattonville 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 five (5) and 21 years and who otherwise qualify for admission under Missouri law unless otherwise required by federal law. Students who are classified as homeless under federal law, and therefore do not have a fixed residence, will be admitted pursuant to federal law and Board policy. Federal law also requires the district to provide services to resident students qualifying for special education services between the ages of three (3) and 21. Special education services for students in K-12 will be provided by Special School District of St. Louis County. Any senior qualifying for graduation at the end of the school term and attaining age 21 during the course of the term may complete that particular term tuition free.

The admission of all students shall be under the direction of the superintendent, subject to the approval of the Board of Education. Persons seeking admission to the district and its instructional programs must satisfactorily meet all residency, academic, age, immunization, health, discipline, and other eligibility prerequisites as established by Board policies, rules and regulations, and by state law. Students who are homeless will be admitted in accordance with Board policy.

Students who apply for admission to the district schools on the basis of prior accredited schooling outside of the district shall be placed initially on the grade level they have reached. The principal shall determine subsequently whether the grade placement is appropriate for the individual. Students who apply for admission to the district schools on the basis of prior unaccredited schooling shall be admitted in accordance with Board policy.

Entrance Age

To be admitted to Pattonville School District, a child must be five (5) years old before August 1 of the school year in which he or she plans to enroll for purposes of kindergarten and summer school prior to a kindergarten school term. Any child who has completed the kindergarten year shall not be required to meet the age requirements for entrance into first grade.

Any transfer student who wishes to enroll in the district after having started the school year or the summer school prior to a kindergarten school term in a metropolitan or qualified urban district in this state will be exempt from the entrance age requirement as allowed by law.

Students who are entering kindergarten or first grade are encouraged to pre-register in the spring prior to the fall semester in which they are to begin attendance. Students entering the schools in the school district who have not previously presented a birth certificate or some other acceptable proof of age will be required to present such proof if necessary to determine whether the student is eligible to attend school

Requests for Student Records

Within two (2) 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 two (2) business days of enrolling a nonresident student placed in the district pursuant to Statute 210.481-.536, RSMo., via foster homes, residential care facilities or child-placing agencies; 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.

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 or not 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 Restriction" 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 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 if 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. The parent, guardian or student may appeal this decision to the Board of Education.

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 hearing will be held in accordance with Board policy JGD prior to enrollment of any student following a suspension or expulsion from another school for an act of school violence as defined in Statute 160.261.2, RSMo. The hearing will be held regardless of whether or not 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 Restriction

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

- First degree murder under §565.020, RSMo;
- Second degree murder under §565.021, RSMo;
- First degree assault under §565.050, RSMo;
- Forcible rape under §566.030, RSMo;
- Forcible sodomy under §566.060, RSMo;
- Robbery in the first degree under §569.020, RSMo;
- Distribution of drugs to a minor under §195.212, RSMo;
- Arson in the first degree under §569.040, RSMo;
- Kidnapping, when classified as a class A felony under §565.110, RSMo;
- Statutory rape under Statute 566.032, RSMo; or
- Statutory sodomy under Statute 566.062, 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 admissions restrictions may be admitted to such an alternative education program.

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Cross Refs.: JE, Student Attendance
JEA, Compulsory Attendance
JEB, Entrance Age
JECA, Admission of Resident Students
JECB, Admission of Nonresident Students
JECC/JECD, Assignment of Students to Schools/Classes

JGF, Discipline Records and Reporting

JHCB Inoculations of Students

JO, Student Records

Legal Refs: §43.408, 160.051 - .053, .055, .261, 167.020, .022-.023, .101, .122, .161, .171,
195.212, 565.020-.021, .050, .110, 566.030, .060, 569.020, .040, RSMo.

McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Assistance Improvements Act of 2001, 42 U.S.C. State
Statute 11431 et seq.

Missouri Safe Schools Act, H.B. 1301 & 1298 (1996)