

<b>Policy Subject</b>  STUDENT ADMITTANCE AND ENTRANCE TO SCHOOL	Location Code  501.03	Adoption Date  7/14/86
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Student Admittance

All persons age 5 through 20 who reside within the boundaries of this school district may attend public schools without payment of tuition. In addition, persons who do not reside in the district may be admitted under policies and rules relating to nonresident students, option enrollment students, or by specific action of the Board of Education. The Board of Education may establish tuition fees for schooling.

A state certified copy of the birth certificate or other proof of legal age and proof of residence are required prior to admission.

Physical Examination

A physical examination by a qualified physician, physician's assistant, or nurse practitioner is required within six months prior to the entrance of a child into the beginner grade and the seventh grade, or in the case of a transfer from out-of-state to any other grade of the local school; provided, no such physical examination shall be required of any child whose parent or guardian shall object thereto in writing. The cost of such physical examination shall be borne by the parent or guardian of each child who is examined.

Immunizations

Protection against measles, mumps, rubella, poliomyelitis, diphtheria, pertussis, and tetanus by immunization prior to enrollment in any grade is required. A parent or guardian of such student must present a signed affidavit that he or she does not wish to have such student so immunized. Nebraska Revised Statute (NRS) 79-222, immunization shall not be required for a student's enrollment in any school in this state if he or she submits to the admitting official either of the following:

- (1) A statement signed by a physician, a physician's assistant, or a nurse practitioner licensed under the Uniform Licensing Law stating that, in their opinion, the immunizations required would be injurious to the health and well-being of the student or any member of the student's family or household, or

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- (2) An affidavit signed by the student or, if he or she is a minor, by a legally authorized representative of the student, stating that the immunization conflicts with the tenets and practice of a recognized religious denomination of which the student is an adherent or member or that immunization conflicts with the personal and sincerely followed religious beliefs of the student.

Such written statement shall be kept in the student's file. Any student who does not comply with this section shall not be permitted to continue in school until he or she shall so comply. The cost of such immunization shall be borne by the parent or guardian of each student, provided, that such cost shall be borne by the Department of Health and Human Services for those students whose parents or guardian are financially unable to meet the cost.

### Provisional Enrollment

NRS 79-222:

- 1) A student may be provisionally enrolled in a school in Nebraska if he or she meets either of the following qualifications:
  - a) The student has begun the immunizations required under section 79-222.a and is receiving the necessary immunizations as rapidly as is medically feasible; or
  - b) The student is the child or legal ward of an officer or enlisted person on active duty in any branch of the military services of the United States or of his or her spouse, enrolling in a Nebraska school following residence in another state or in a foreign country.
- 2) As a condition for the provisional enrollment of a student qualified for such enrollment under subdivision (1) (b) of this section, a parent or adult legal guardian of the student shall provide the school with a signed written statement certifying that the student has completed the course of immunizations required by section 79-222.b.2.
- 3) The provisional enrollment of a student qualified for such enrollment under subdivision (1) (b) of this section shall not continue beyond sixty days from the date of such enrollment. As such time the school shall be provided, with regard to the student, written evidence of compliance with section 79-222.b.3. The student shall not be permitted to continue in school until such evidence of compliance is provided.

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### Entrance to School

A child must be five (5) years of age on or before October 15 of the ensuing school year in order to enter kindergarten. A child who will reach the age of five (5) between October 16 and February 1 of the current SCHOOL ADMITTANCE AND ENTRANCE TO SCHOOL, 501.03 (P. 3)

school year may be admitted into kindergarten only if one of the following conditions are met:

- a) The child attended kindergarten in another jurisdiction in the current school year; or
- b) The family anticipates relocation to another jurisdiction within the current year.

### Student Transfers

A student transferring from another school will be placed in Norfolk Public Schools at the grade level that is comparable to the placement in the school from which the student is transferring. Placement will be temporary until a student's records, results of appropriate tests, performance interview, or a combination thereof verify the appropriateness of such placement. Students enrolling in any grade for the first time will have a temporary placement until results of appropriate tests, a performance interview, or a combination thereof verify the appropriateness of such placement.

A student transferring from an approved or accredited school during grades K-8 will be placed according to the student's age and his or her placement according to school records. A student transferring from a school exempt from state approval or accreditation such as those operating under Nebraska Department of Education Rule 13 will have his or her performance verified through school records received from the sending school, results of appropriate tests, performance interview, or a combination thereof, and approved by the building principal.

A student transferring during grades 9-12 will be responsible for meeting all graduation requirements if the student desires to earn a Norfolk High School diploma. Credits earned during grades 9-12 at an approved or accredited school will be applied toward Norfolk High School graduation requirements. Credit earned or courses taken during grades 9-12 at a school exempt from state approval or accreditation such as those operating under Nebraska Department of Education Rule 13 will not be applied toward graduation requirements.

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The district administration in conjunction with the building principal will determine the appropriate grade level/credit status of a student transferring from a foreign country.

Legal Reference: 79-222; 79-222.a; 79-222.b.1-3

