Sparta Area School District

Article 408 – Entrance into the School System

Entrance into the school system shall be made by registering at the Administrative and Educational Center and meeting all entrance requirements.

All non-tuition students must meet the requirement of being a resident of the Sparta Area School District or be accepted under the open enrollment policy. To qualify as a resident, the student must reside in the Sparta Area School District with his/her parents or legal guardian.

Tuition students may be enrolled if student population and other conditions warrant such admission. Arrangements for tuition must be made in advance with the Superintendent.

Entrance into Pre-Kindergarten – A child shall be four (4) years old on or before September 1st to qualify for entrance into the Charter Pre-Kindergarten program or the Montessori Charter program. Some children may need to remain in the Pre-Kindergarten program for an additional year to improve their readiness for kindergarten. There is no early admittance into a Pre-K program, however some three (3) year old children with special education needs are admitted into the District’s Early Childhood program.

Kindergarten Entrance - A child shall be five (5) years old on or before September 1st to qualify for entrance to kindergarten classes. Exceptions will be made in those cases where a child has successfully completed a part of the kindergarten year in another School District or in those cases where an evaluation from a prescribed agency, at the parent's expense, indicates, to the satisfaction of the school administration, that the child will succeed in kindergarten.

Beginning in the fall of 2011, successful completion of Kindergarten will be a prerequisite to admission into the first grade unless one of the following applies:

- The child moved into Wisconsin from a state, country or territory in which completion of 5-year old kindergarten is not a prerequisite to entering first grade.
- Though required in their previous residence, the child was exempted from attending kindergarten in their previous school district.

Entrance to other grades shall be on the basis of satisfactory completion of prior grades, or performance goals in school.

Adults (21 years or older) may be admitted on a case by case basis to class for a fee. The fee will be prorated on the basis of operational cost per student divided by 5 classes, times the number of classes taken by the adult student. Fees are to be paid in advance on a semester basis. Participation in extracurricular activities will not be allowed and the adult student will be subject to the same rules and regulations as other students.

It is the policy of the Sparta Area School District to comply with all applicable state or federal laws concerning non-discrimination and, therefore, no person may be denied admission to any public school in this District or be denied participation in, be denied the benefits of, or otherwise be discriminated against in any curricular, extracurricular, pupil services, recreational, or other program or activity on grounds that include, but are not necessarily limited to, the person’s sex, race, national origin, ancestry, creed, pregnancy or marital or parental status, sexual orientation, or physical,
mental, emotional, or learning disability or handicap as required by s. 118.13, Wis. Stat. This policy also prohibits discrimination as defined by Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (sex), Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (race and national origin), and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973.

Legal Reference: 2009 Wisconsin Act 41

Cross Reference: Article 410- Policy for Early Admission to Kindergarten

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