

## NEW SCHOOL ENTRANTS

The policy for children entering Kindergarten is that their age will be five years by December 1<sup>st</sup>.

### Screening

The Board of Education shall provide for the screening of every new entrant to school to determine which students may have handicapping conditions or may be gifted. Such screening shall include, but not be limited to the following:

- a) A physical examination in accordance with Sections 901, 903 and 904 of the Education Law, including proof of immunization as required by Section 2164 of the Public Health Law;
- b) An assessment of language development and cognitive ability in the student's native language, if the language of the home is not English.

If such screening indicates a possible handicapping condition, a referral shall be made to the appropriate committee.

If such screening indicates a possibly gifted child, the name and finding shall be reported to the Superintendent of Schools and to the parents/legal guardians.

### Reporting to Parents

Parents/legal guardians of children to be screened shall receive information in advance regarding the purpose of screening, the areas to be screened and the referral process. The information shall be communicated either orally or in writing in the parents' primary language(s). This information will be provided during the registration interview.

Parents/legal guardians have the right to request information regarding their child's performance during screening. They shall have access to the screening results and obtain copies upon request.

### Confidentiality of Information

The Board of Education's policy and administrative regulation in accordance with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, Public Law 93-380, shall apply to all information collected about a child through the screening program. In accordance with the policy and regulations, parents shall be informed of their right to privacy, their right to access to records and their right to challenge those records should they be inaccurate, misleading or otherwise inappropriate.

Education Law Section 3208 (5)  
Commissioner's Regulations Section 117.3  
Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974

New School Entrants (formerly Admission) policy  
Revision: 7/28/97 Board Meeting

**EXCHANGE STUDENTS AND GRADUATION**

1. The exchange student is in or eligible to start the final year of schooling in the home country. The schooling is that which would be high school in this country.
2. The academic record contains at least the following:
  - i) 3 years or equivalent of English
  - ii) 3 years or equivalent of history, geography and/or economics
  - iii) 3 years or equivalent of mathematics
  - iv) 3 years or equivalent of science
3. The exchange student attends Harpursville Junior-Senior High School for the complete academic year.
4. The student be enrolled and passing junior and/or senior level courses.
5. The academic background of the exchange student is considered adequate by the high school principal.
6. The following process is to be used if an exception to this policy is to be granted:
  - i) Request in writing to high school principal to waive any or all of the requirements.
  - ii) Meeting held with exchange student, person requesting waiver, family with whom student is living, principal and other interested parties at the discretion of the high school principal.
  - iii) After meeting, principal will inform C.S.O., exchange student, and person requesting waiver of the recommendation.
  - iv) Superintendent will act on recommendation and inform all interested parties of decision.
  - v) Board of Education will receive a report of decision.
  - vi) Appeal may be requested by student and meeting held with superintendent.

Policy Adopted 3/27/89

## **AMENDMENT TO POLICY-EXCHANGE STUDENTS**

Policy no. 5111 is amended to include:

- a) 1. To be accepted, the student must be at least fifteen years of age by the first day of September.
2. The student(s), during the time they attend Harpursville Central School, will be expected to follow all school rules and regulations.
3. The student will take a full academic load and it must include at least one English course.
4. The student will be expected to make at least two presentations to the community – be it at school or at local community organizations. It will not be the school's responsibility to arrange those presentations.
5. The student will arrange with the elementary principal at least two presentations at the elementary school.
6. The student will be expected to make at least two presentations in the middle school-high school.

and

- b) The District will accept not more than four foreign exchange students in any academic year.

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Second Reading and adoption: August 12, 1991

7/11/94-discussed and motion made & carried to remain at 4 students.