

ADMISSION

Kindergarten

Any child residing in the district shall be admitted to the kindergarten provided:

- A. The child will have attained the age of five years on or before October 15 of the school year;
- B. Proof shall be furnished of immunization against the communicable diseases at the time of enrollment or such immunization shall be completed within 30 days from date of entry into the school;
- C. The child shall have been examined by either the school or a private physician, and the results shall be furnished to the school on the form provided.

First Grade

Entrance requirements for first grade in the Rumson School District are as follows:

- A. The pupil must be six years of age on or before October 15 of the current school year;
- B. The pupil must have successfully completed one year of an approved kindergarten class;
- C. Proof has been furnished of immunization against communicable diseases.

If the first of these requirements has not been met, the child may be considered for first grade under the following condition:

The pupil will be placed in the kindergarten class for a two-week period in order that the child study team may observe and evaluate the pupil. The child study team will evaluate the pupil within the two-week period to determine first grade eligibility. If the child study team determines that the pupil is qualified for placement in

grade one, such placement is to be accomplished immediately. If the pupil is found to be unqualified for placement in grade one, he/she will remain in the kindergarten class as enrolled.

No child shall be permanently placed in the first grade until the child study team has completed its report and submitted its recommendation. The parents will be notified of the child study team recommendation.

#### Transfers Into Grades Two through Eight

Pupils transferring into the district are expected to present copies of records from the previously attended school (or district) to aid in placement. Also required are proof of immunization and proof of identify such as birth certificate, social security card, etc.

Within the time prescribed by law, the superintendent shall request in writing from the school or district of previous attendance, the pupil's records.

Initial placement shall be made on the basis of the records, but adjustment may be made at the discretion of the administration when the state-mandated assessment indicates that such adjustments would be beneficial to the child. Parents/guardians shall be informed of this policy on registration.

#### Affidavit Pupils

When there is any doubt as to whether a child is entitled to free public education in the district schools, all procedures of the law shall be followed.

#### Nonresidents

The district is obliged to educate children of appropriate age residing in the district. The mere owning of any property whatsoever does not qualify a parent/guardian to send children to school in this school district.

#### Homeless Pupils

The district will determine the educational placement of homeless students and respond to appeals concerning them made by parents/guardians or other parties in accordance with New Jersey statutes and administrative code.

Verification

The board reserves the right to verify the residency of any pupils and the validity of any affidavit of guardianship.

Dated: August 28, 2002

## Legal References:

<u>N.J.S.A.</u>	18A:7B-12	District of residence; determination
<u>N.J.S.A.</u>	7B-12.1	Homeless child; responsibility for education; determination of placement; payment of costs
<u>N.J.S.A.</u>	18A:36-19a	Newly enrolled students; records and identification
<u>N.J.S.A.</u>	18A:38-1	Attendance at school free of charge
<u>N.J.S.A.</u>	18A:38-2	Free attendance at school by nonresidents placed in district under court order
<u>N.J.S.A.</u>	18A:38-3	Attendance at school by nonresidents
<u>N.J.S.A.</u>	18A:38-4	Free attendance to persons over age
<u>N.J.S.A.</u>	18A:38-5	Admission of pupils under age
<u>N.J.S.A.</u>	18A:38-5.1	No child to be excluded from school because of race, etc.
<u>N.J.S.A.</u>	18A:38-6	Time of admission of pupils; first school year
<u>N.J.S.A.</u>	18A:38-8	Duty to receive pupils from other districts
<u>N.J.S.A.</u>	18A:38-25	Attendance required of children between six and 16; exceptions
<u>N.J.S.A.</u>	18A:40-20	Immunization at public expense
<u>N.J.S.A.</u>	18A:44-1	Establishment of nursery schools or departments; eligibility for admission
<u>N.J.S.A.</u>	18A:44-2	Establishment of kindergarten; eligibility for admission
<u>N.J.S.A.</u>	16:1A-9.1	Exemption of pupils from mandatory immunization
<u>N.J.S.A.</u>	26:4-6	Prohibiting attendance of teachers or pupils
<u>N.J.A.C.</u>	6:3-8.1 et seq	Provisions for the education of homeless children and youth
<u>N.J.A.C.</u>	6:8-6.1	Assessment of pupil needs
<u>N.J.A.C.</u>	6:8-6.3	Budget documentation
<u>N.J.A.C.</u>	6:20-1.2	School enrollment
<u>N.J.A.C.</u>	6:20-5.3, -5.4	Method of determining the district of residence. . .
<u>N.J.A.C.</u>	6-28-1.1 et seq	Special education

Legal References: (continued)

<u>N.J.A.C.</u>	6:29-2.4	Attendance at school by pupils or adults inflected by Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV)
<u>N.J.A.C.</u>	8:57	Communicable diseases
<u>See particularly:</u>		
<u>N.J.A.C.</u>	8:57-2	
<u>N.J.A.C.</u>	8:61-1.1	Attendance at school by pupils or adults infected by Human Immuno-Deficiency Virus (HIV)

Plyler v. Doe, 457 U.S. 202 (1982)

Plainfield Board of Education v. Cooperman, 105 NJ 587 (1987)

Cross References:

3240	Tuition income
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5141.2	Illness
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