

## **Policy 513.1 DETERMINATION OF LEGAL AGE OF STUDENTS FOR SCHOOL ADMISSION**

### **I. PURPOSE**

In alignment with the district's strategic commitment to learner outcomes, the purpose of this policy is to define how Northfield Public Schools will verify evidence of age for kindergarten enrollment.

### **II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY**

Minnesota Statute 120A.20 requires that "A person shall not be admitted to a public school

1. As a kindergarten student, unless the student is at least five years of age on September 1 of the calendar year in which the school year for which the student seeks admission commences, or
2. As a first grade student, unless the student is at least six years of age on September 1 of the calendar year in which the school year for which the student seeks admission commences or has completed kindergarten; except that any school board may establish a policy for admission of selected pupils at an earlier age. Refer to [Policy 513.2](#) and its associated [procedures](#).

The district is obligated to comply with state law. Therefore, in order to verify the age of a student applying for admission to Northfield Public Schools, the district will require either an official birth certificate issued by the county of birth, a hospital birth certificate provided the child's name was originally included on it, or other record, deemed satisfactory by the superintendent or designee, which provides evidence of age.

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**Legal References:**

Minn. Stat. 120A.20 (Admission to Public School)