

**NORTH RIVER SCHOOL DISTRICT #200**

**BOARD POLICY**

NO. 3111

**ENTRY AGE TO KINDERGARTEN AND FIRST GRADE**

A child must be five (5) years of age as of midnight on August 31 to enter kindergarten and six (6) years of age on the same date to enter the first grade.

The district will, however, permit younger children to enter kindergarten and first grade pursuant to district regulations establishing a screening process and instruments which will measure the ability, or the need, or both, of the individual student in order to demonstrate that the student is sufficiently advanced to succeed in such a program. Such process and/or instrument shall include but not be limited to screening in the following areas:

- a. Mental ability
- b. Gross motor skills
- c. Fine motor skills
- d. Visual discrimination
- e. Auditory discrimination
- f. Emotional/social development
- g. Language development

The district will establish an internal appeal process for parents or guardians to seek review of the decision of the administrator.

Parents requesting an exemption shall provide to the district the results of an assessment using the instruments and processes approved by the Superintendent and conducted by a licensed or certified psychologist. The assessment shall be done at the parent's expense. The District reserves the right to re-assess the child at its own expense before granting an exemption.

Adopted: September 11, 1991