

**TERRELL COUNTY BOARD POLICY**  
**Entrance Age**

**Descriptive Code: JBB**  
**Date: 6/11/07**  
**Rescinds Code: JBB**  
**Date Issued: 12/1995**

In accordance with Georgia law, every parent, guardian or other person residing within the state and having control or charge of any child or children between their sixth and 16th birthdays shall enroll and send such child or children to a public school, private school or home study program. All children, including homeless, enrolled for 20 school days or more in the public schools of this state prior to their seventh birthday shall become subject to the provisions of the compulsory school attendance law.

All children and youth, including homeless, who meet the following conditions are eligible for enrollment in the appropriate general education programs of the public schools and are also eligible for state funds if appropriated by the Georgia General Assembly.

1. All children, including homeless, who have attained the age of four by September 1 shall be eligible for enrollment in the Pre-K program.
2. All children, including homeless, who have attained the age of five by September 1 shall be eligible for enrollment in the kindergarten program.
3. All children, including homeless, who have attained the age of six by September 1 shall be eligible for enrollment in the first grade if they meet all requirements in State Board Policy IHE (Promotion and Retention).
4. A child who was a legal resident of one or more other states for a period of two years immediately prior to moving to this state and who was legally enrolled in a public or state/regional accredited kindergarten or first grade shall be eligible for enrollment in the general education programs if such child will attain the age of five for kindergarten or six for first grade by December 31 and is otherwise qualified.
5. Any child who has completed a kindergarten program under the provisions indicated above and who resided in one or more other states for a period of two years immediately prior to moving to this state shall be eligible for first grade if such child attains the age of six by December 31 and is otherwise qualified.
6. All youth who have not attained the age of 20 by September 1 are eligible for enrollment in appropriate education programs, unless they have received a high school diploma or the equivalent.

7. All students who have not dropped out of school for one semester or more and who have not attained the age of 21 by September 1 are eligible for enrollment provided they have not received a high school diploma or the equivalent.
8. All children and youth who are classified as special education students are eligible for enrollment in appropriate education programs through age 22 unless they have received a high school or special education diploma or the equivalent. Students will be allowed to continue receiving services through the end of the school year in which the student reaches age 22.

<b>Georgia Code</b>	<b>Description</b>
O.C.G.A. 20-02-0150	<a href="#"><u>Eligibility for enrollment</u></a>
O.C.G.A. 20-02-0151	<a href="#"><u>General and career education programs</u></a>
O.C.G.A. 20-02-0152	<a href="#"><u>Special Education Services</u></a>
O.C.G.A. 20-04-0011	<a href="#"><u>Powers of State Board of Technical and Adult Education</u></a>
Rule 160-5-1-.28	<a href="#"><u>Student Enrollment and Withdrawal</u></a>