

SCHOOL ADMISSIONS

All children, upon entering the Plaquemines Parish School System for the first time, shall be required to present a copy of their official birth record to the school principal. Only records from the local or state registrar of vital statistics will be accepted for children born in Louisiana, except as otherwise provided herein.

Birth verification forms issued by the local registrar of the parish of birth shall be valid and acceptable for entry into the parish schools. **Children born in Louisiana will be given a fifteen (15) day grace period** to secure a copy of their birth record. **Children born out of this state will be given thirty (30) days grace** in which to produce a copy of their birth record.

In cases where birth certificates and/or birth verification forms cannot be obtained, the school principal may accept whatever positive proof of age and parentage is available. Upon failure to comply with this policy, it shall be left to the discretion of the parish Superintendent of Schools subject to the authority of the School Board as to whether or not a child shall continue in school. The school principal shall be responsible for assuring that the medical and immunization requirements of LSA Revised Statutes 17:170 are met.

Denial of Acceptance for Disciplinary Reason

Consistent with R.S. 17:416.1 A, Which provides that parish school boards may adopt any rules to maintain order in the schools, the Plaquemines Parish School Board adopts the following policies with regard to any student who, after the opening date of school, has been expelled from or requested to withdraw from any private or parochial school because of disciplinary problems encountered by such student requesting admission:

Any student who, after the opening date of school, has been expelled from or requested to withdraw from any school may be denied admission by the Superintendent when disciplinary problems for which such student was expelled or requested to withdraw from a school were of such a nature and kind that, if the student seeking admission had committed such act or acts while enrolled in a public school, such student would, in the judgment of the Superintendent, have been expelled from the public schools of Plaquemines Parish.

The principal of the school in which such student shall attempt to enroll shall recommend to the Superintendent that the student is permitted to enroll or that admission to the school is denied.

The Superintendent shall review the circumstances which resulted in the student's being expelled from or requested to withdraw from any school, but shall not deny admission to any such student before

according the student due process, mandated by decision of the Supreme Court of the United States. Specifically, the student shall be given notice, a hearing, and an opportunity to be heard, which shall include the opportunity to present witnesses.

Any student denied admission shall have the right, within five days, to appeal to the Plaquemines Parish School Board

The conviction of any student of a felony or the incarceration of any student in a juvenile institution for an act which had it been committed by an adult, would have constituted a felony, shall be cause for denial of admission of the student for a period of time as determined by the board; provided that such denial shall require the vote of two-thirds of the elected members of the school board.

Ref: La. Rev. State. Ann. 17:222, 17:416, 17:416.1

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