

## **118.14 Age of pupils; phase in of 4-year-old kindergarten.**

**(1)** Except as provided in s. 120.12 (25):

(a) No child may be admitted to a 4-year-old kindergarten unless he or she is 4 years old on or before September 1 in the year that he or she proposes to enter school.

(b) No child may be admitted to a 5-year-old kindergarten unless he or she is 5 years old on or before September 1 in the year he or she proposes to enter school.

(c) No child may be admitted to the 1st grade unless he or she is 6 years old, on or before September 1 in the year he or she proposes to enter school.

**(2)** A resident over 20 years of age may be admitted to school when in the judgment of the school board the resident will not interfere with the pupils of school age.

**(3)** (a) Except as provided in par. (b), if a school board establishes a 4-year-old kindergarten program, the program shall be available to all pupils eligible for the program under sub. (1) (a) or s. 120.12 (25).

(b) A school board that was operating a 4-year-old kindergarten program in the 2007–08 school year that did not comply with par. (a) shall make a 4-year-old kindergarten program available to all pupils eligible for the program under sub. (1) (a) or s. 120.12 (25) by the beginning of the 2013–14 school year.

*History:* 1977 c. 418, 429; 1983 a. 36; 1985 a. 29; 1997 a. 240; 2007 a. 226.