

SCHOOL ADMISSIONS

- 1.0 All pupils who can benefit from the instructional program offered by the Monroe County Schools shall be admitted to the first grade provided that their sixth birthday shall be before November first of said school year. Where kindergartens are provided, all pupils enrolled must have attained the age of five prior to November first of the school year in which they enter. All parents of kindergarten and first grade pupils are encouraged to pre-register their youngsters at the time and place announced by the school principal in the spring preceding their school entrance in the fall. Parents must provide the school authorities a copy of the child's birth certificate and such other records as the school district may need. Although it is not required, the Board strongly recommends that each child have a complete physical examination prior to the entrance in school for the first time. All children entering school for the first time in this State shall have been immunized against diphtheria, polio, rubeola, rubella, tetanus, and whooping cough. No child or person shall be admitted or received in any of the public schools of the State until he or she has been successfully immunized, unless the parents provide a certificate from a reputable physician showing that a successful immunization is impossible or improper at the time of enrollment.
- 2.0 All first grade pupils and all students transferring from a school located outside this State shall furnish a certificate from a licensed physician stating that a tuberculin skin test approved by the director of the department of health has been made within four months prior to the beginning of the school year or during the first seven months of the current school year. Test results must be recorded on the certificate. Positive reactors to the skin test must be immediately x-rayed and receive annual x-rays thereafter, or at more frequent intervals if medically indicated. Pupils found to have tuberculosis in a communicable stage will not be allowed to attend school until their disease has been arrested and is no longer communicable.
- 3.0 Pupils moving into the Monroe County School District shall be admitted to school provisionally pending the arrival of their records from the sending school. In all cases, the pupil's progress and performance shall be evaluated by his teachers and the building principal who shall have the final responsibility for placing the child in the grade or program which most closely meets his needs.

The public schools of Monroe County are provided for the children of Monroe County by the people of Monroe County. Consequently, it shall be the rule of the Board of Education not to accept tuition students from other counties except on rare occasions. However, the Monroe County Board of Education and Boards adjoining counties operate on a policy of permitting pupils who live near county borders to attend the school nearest to them in an adjacent county when attendance at the nearest school in their home county would be an unusual hardship. In cases of this type, no tuition

charges are involved. In no case, shall the Board of Education direct that bus routes be extended in order to serve students living in neighboring counties.

The schools in Monroe County shall be open for the full instructional term to all persons who can benefit from the instructional program offered and who have attained the entrance age as stated in West Virginia School Laws: Provided that persons over the age of twenty-one may enter only those programs or classes authorized by the State Board of Education and deemed appropriate by the Monroe County Board of Education; and provided further that authorization for such programs or classes shall in no way serve to affect or eliminate programs or classes offered by the Board of Education at the adult level for which fees are charged to support such programs or classes.

Legal Reference: School Laws of West Virginia: 18-2-5; 18-5-18, 16-3-4