

Update to Policy #70: School Admissions

1. CWC Kansas City shall be open to all students. Students eligible to attend under an urban voluntary transfer program or nonresident students who transfer from an unaccredited district, provided that the charter school is an approved charter school, as defined in section 167.131, and subject to all other provisions of section 167.131. In the event of a lottery, preference will be given to geographic area as defined in the charter. CWC Kansas City does not limit admission based on race, ethnicity, national origin, sexual orientation, disability, gender, income level, proficiency in the English language or athletic ability, but may limit admission to students within a given age group or grade level.
2. If capacity of CWC Kansas City is insufficient to enroll all students who submit an application during the open enrollment period (established in March of each year), the school will use a lottery admissions process in order to assure all applicants an equal chance of gaining admission.
3. Students will not be required to complete any test or measure in order to be admitted to CWC Kansas City. Once students are formally enrolled, formal and informal assessments may be administered to determine the most appropriate instructional plan and placement for each student.

Age Criteria for Kindergarten Admission

4. To be eligible to receive state funds for Kindergarteners, a child is eligible for admission to Kindergarten and to a summer school session immediately preceding Kindergarten, if offered, if the child reaches the age of five before the first day of August of the school year beginning in that calendar year.

Accordingly, no state funds will be received for a child admitted to Kindergarten who reaches the age of five on or after August 1 of the school year beginning in that calendar year, unless one of the following exceptions applies:

- (1) The child is a military dependent who has successfully completed an accredited Pre-Kindergarten program or has attended an accredited Kindergarten program in another state.
- (2) If a charter school is located within a metropolitan school district (St. Louis Public Schools district), and the school district has elected, under §160.054, RSMo, to admit Kindergarten children who reach the age of five on or before any date between August first and October first of that year, then the charter school may adopt the same policy.
- (3) If a charter school is located within an urban school district (Kansas City Public Schools district), and the school district has elected, under §160.055, RSMo, to admit Kindergarten children who reach the age of five on or before any date between August first and October first of that year, then the charter school may adopt the same policy.

Based on the foregoing, the Governing Board of Citizens of the World Kansas City adopts the following policy effective on the date that the policy is adopted by the Board.

No child shall be admitted to Kindergarten or to the summer school session immediately preceding Kindergarten, if offered, unless the child reaches the age of five before the first day of ~~October~~ August of the school year beginning in that calendar year.