

Students entering the Columbia County School System must meet the following requirements.

Age

- A. Student's age must be documented with a birth certificate. (See Policy JBB, Entrance Age.)
- B. Maximum school age for students is age 20. Exceptions include students who reach age 21 by September 1, if they have never dropped out, and those through age 21 if they are handicapped and the preceding IEP indicates that a successive year is needed. (See JBCCA, Assignment to Schools.)

Residence

Students must be a resident of Columbia County and attend the school within the zone in which they reside. (See JBCC, School Attendance Zones and Policy JBCCA, Assignment to Schools.)

3-Point Screening

Students entering the Columbia County School System for the first time must furnish a certificate of eye, ear and dental examination. (See Policy JGCA, Physical Examination.)

Immunizations

All students must have proper records of immunizations for contagious diseases before entering Columbia County School System. (See Policy JGCB, Inoculations.)

Behavior

Any student that has been charged, indicted or convicted of a felony offense will have the status of his/her enrollment in the Columbia County School System reviewed by the Superintendent and the Associate and Assistant Superintendents of Student Support. (See Policy JCD, Student Conduct.)

Social Security Number

No student shall be denied enrollment in the Columbia County School System for declining to provide a Social Security number or for declining to apply for such a number.

The Superintendent shall ensure that reasonable and sufficient public notice is given each year, in English and any other language prevalent in the school district, of the information required for students who will enter school in the Columbia County School System.

The Superintendent shall establish procedures whereby, at the time of initial enrollment or at the beginning of the school year for a student already enrolled but who has not provided the school system with a Social Security number, and in a language appropriate for the parent, guardian, student or person enrolling the student:

1. A Social Security number is requested:
2. It is made clear that providing the Social Security number is voluntary; and
3. A means of requesting a waiver of the Social Security number requirement is provided.

The Superintendent shall provide appropriate forms:

1. For making application for a Social Security number; and
2. For an individual to sign stating that such individual does not wish to provide the Social Security number.

The Superintendent shall ensure that student Social Security numbers are treated in the same confidential manner as all other records and in accordance with the Federal Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) of 1974.

The Superintendent shall also provide for assigning a temporary number to a student who is applying for a Social Security number, or a permanent student identification number if a Social Security number will not be provided.

CROSS REFERENCE: CCBOE POLICY JBCDA

LEGAL REFERENCE: Georgia Code 20-2-751.5

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