

**Policy Statement #2915 (Instruction) of the Board of Education
Regarding the Admission and Placement of Students in Early Childhood Programs**

- I. Purpose
 - A. To govern the admission and placement of students in Calvert County Public Schools' early childhood programs
- II. Definitions
 - A. Admission - Formal entry to school
 - B. Early childhood programs - Prekindergarten, kindergarten, and grade 1
 - C. Prekindergarten - A Calvert County Public Schools academic program for four-year-old children who meet specific enrollment criteria
 - D. Kindergarten - Mandatory grade for school entry; does not preclude pre-kindergarten enrollment
 - E. Grade 1 - The grade that students enter after the completion of kindergarten
 - F. Placement - The appropriate grade and program for a student upon admission to Calvert County Public Schools.
- III. Policy Statement
 - A. The Calvert County Board of Education is committed to success for all students. The Board of Education believes that students in prekindergarten, kindergarten, and grade 1 in both regular and special education can learn, progress, and achieve when their cognitive, physical, social, and emotional needs are recognized and addressed.
 - B. It is, therefore, imperative that students are placed in the early childhood program that best meets their individual learning needs. Students are generally placed into an early childhood program based on the age established by the Maryland State Board of Education and/or their previous formal education. The Board recognizes, however, that there are rare situations when a student's individual learning needs require that an exception be made.
- IV. Delegation of Authority
 - A. The Superintendent is directed to develop administrative procedures to implement this policy in accordance with all local policies and local, state and federal laws and regulations and to communicate this policy and accompanying procedures to all relevant parties.
- V. Exceptions
 - A. There are no exceptions to this policy. However, the Board, by majority vote, may temporarily suspend all or part of this policy. Suspension of all or part of this policy,

however, in no way relieves the Board of its obligation to comply with pertinent local, state and federal laws and regulations, or the rules and regulations of the Maryland State Board of Education and the Maryland State Department of Education.

VI. Review

- A. This policy will be reviewed at the end of four years, or sooner, if approved by majority vote of the Board of Education in public session.

VII. Effective Date

- A. This policy is effective April 9, 2020.

Citations

State Law: §§7-101; 7-101.1; and 7-301 of the Education Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland

State Reg. COMAR 13A.08.01.01; 13A.08.01.02; 13A.08.01.02-1; 13A.08.01.02-2

Federal Law:

Adm. Reg.:

Neg. Agr.:

Other Citation: