

ADMISSION

The Board of Trustees believes that all children should have the opportunity to receive educational services. Staff shall encourage parents/guardians to enroll all school-aged children in school.

The Superintendent or designee shall maintain procedures which provide for the verification of all entrance requirements specified in law and in Board policies and regulations.

- (cf. 5111.1 - District Residency)*
- (cf. 5111.11 - Residency of Students with Caregiver)*
- (cf. 5111.12 - Residency Based on Parent/Guardian Employment)*
- (cf. 5111.13 - Residency for Homeless Children)*
- (cf. 5119 - Students Expelled from Other Districts)*
- (cf. 5141.22 - Infectious Diseases)*
- (cf. 5141.3 - Health Examinations)*
- (cf. 5141.31 - Immunizations)*

Age of Admission

Proof of age shall be required of all enrolling students. The legal evidences of age, in order of desirability, are a birth certificate, baptismal certificate, passport, immigration certificate, Bible record, or affidavit from the parent/guardian.

A child who will reach the age of five on or before December 2 of the school year shall be eligible for enrollment in kindergarten at the beginning of that school year or at any later time in the same year. (Education Code 48000)

A child who will have reached the age of six years on or before December 2 of the current school year shall be eligible for enrollment in the first grade. (Education Code 48010)

Early Entry to Kindergarten

A child who becomes five years old after December 2 may be admitted into kindergarten, with parental approval, at any time after his/her fifth birthday during the school year when the Superintendent or designee determines on a case-by-case basis that such admittance is in the child's best interests.

The Superintendent or designee shall provide parents/guardians with information as to the effects, advantages and disadvantages of early entry into kindergarten. (Education Code 48000)

Classroom space must be available, and the class size cap specified in Board policy may not be exceeded.

- (cf. 5123 - Promotion/Acceleration/Retention)*

ADMISSION (continued)**Policy Statement**

Children who attain the age of five after December 2, may be admitted to Kindergarten by the district, between December 4 and February 27. The following conditions apply:

1. The parent/guardian shall receive data about the advantages and disadvantages and other explanatory information about the effects of early admittance. (Education Code 48000)
2. The parent/guardian shall approve the early admittance with the full understanding that the child will be enrolled in kindergarten the following school year unless the principal determines that unusual progress is demonstrated by the student.
3. A review of the placement shall be made after two weeks. If the principal determines that the child's readiness is insufficient, the child must be withdrawn.
4. These criteria must be met:
 - a. Mid-year assessment in reading, writing, and math as determined by the classroom teacher.
 - b. Pre-school report documenting Kindergarten social, emotional and behavioral maturity.
 - c. At the time of admittance, the class enrollment shall not exceed an average of 18.
 - d. The admittance may occur no earlier than the day following the child's fifth birthday.

The following procedure is to be followed enrolling Kindergarten student's for early enrollment:

1. Parents/guardians will request in writing that their child be enrolled in Kindergarten for early entrance by November 1st of the year requesting entrance.
2. All requirements for admission will be followed according to this administrative regulation.
3. Parents/guardians will meet with the school principal and the district psychologist to discuss the research on the advantage and disadvantages of early admittance. The principal will notify the parent/guardian of the decision to enroll the student. A written appeal can be made to the Superintendent. Final decision for early admittance will be made by the Superintendent.

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4. A review of the placement shall be made by the school principal and classroom teacher after two weeks. If it is determined that the child's readiness is insufficient, the child must be withdrawn.
5. A determination will be made by the end of the school year for the following year placement. Multiple measures of assessment will be used to determine placement. If the student is not meeting district Kindergarten standards, the student will remain in Kindergarten the following school year or attend summer school for intervention and remediation. Upon the completion of summer school if district standards have not been met, the student will be enrolled in Kindergarten for the following year.

*Legal Reference:*EDUCATION CODE

46600 Agreements for admission of pupils desiring interdistrict attendance
 48000 Minimum age of admission (kindergarten)
 48002 Evidence of minimum age required to enter kindergarten or first grade
 48010 Minimum age of admission (first grade)
 48011 Admission from kindergarten or other school; minimum age
 48050-48053 Nonresidents
 48200 Children between ages of 6 and 18 years (compulsory full-time education)
 49076 Access to records by persons without written consent or under judicial order
 49408 Information of use in emergencies

HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE

120325-120380 Education and child care facility immunization requirements
 121475-121520 Tuberculosis tests for pupils

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

200 Promotion from kindergarten to first grade
 201 Admission to high school

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 17

6000-6075 School attendance immunization requirements

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

11431-11435 McKinney Homeless Assistance Act

*Management Resources:*CDE MANAGEMENT ADVISORIES

0900.90 Changes in law concerning eligibility for admission to kindergarten