

ADMISSION

Age of Admittance to Kindergarten and First Grade

At the beginning of each school year, the Superintendent or designee shall enroll any otherwise eligible child who will have his/her fifth or sixth birthday on or before September 1 of that year into kindergarten or first grade, as applicable.

Any child who will have his/her fifth birthday between September 2 and December 2 of the school year shall be offered a transitional kindergarten (TK) program in accordance with law and Board policy.

On a case-by-case basis, a child who will turn five years old in a given school may be enrolled in kindergarten or TK at any time during the school year with the approval of the child's parent/guardian, provided that:

1. The Governing Board determines that the admittance is in the best interests of the child; and
2. The parent/guardian is given information regarding the advantages and disadvantages and any other explanatory information about the effect of this early admittance.

The Superintendent or designee shall make a recommendation to the Board regarding whether a child should be granted early entry to kindergarten. In doing so, the Superintendent or designee shall consider various factors including the availability of classroom space and any negotiated maximum class size.

Documentation of Age

Prior to the admission of a child to kindergarten or first grade, the parent/guardian shall present proof of the child's age.

Evidence of the child's age may include:

1. A certified copy of a birth certificate or a statement by the local registrar or County Recorder certifying the date of birth;
2. A duly attested baptism certificate; or
3. A passport.

When none of the foregoing is obtainable, the parent/guardian may provide any other appropriate means of proving the age of the child.

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