

Hemet Unified School District
FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT KINDERGARTEN ENROLLMENT

Q: What is the required age to enroll my child for kindergarten, school year 2018-2019?

A: State law requires the child must be 5 years of age on or before September 1, 2018, to attend kindergarten for the 2018-2019 school year.

Q: If my child is currently attending a preschool program in Hemet Unified School District, do I need to enroll him/her in kindergarten?

A: Yes, you do need to enroll your child for kindergarten. You will need the following documents:

1. Proof of birth date, such as a birth certificate, hospital or baptismal certificate, or a passport.
2. Immunization Records as required by state law:
 - a. **Diphtheria/ Pertussis/Tetanus (DTAP, DTP, or DT: 5 doses**, (4 Doses OK if 1 was given on or after 4th birthday)
 - b. **Polio (OPV or IPV): 4 doses** (3 doses OK if 1 was given on or after 4th birthday)
 - c. **Measles/Mumps/Rubella (MMR) - 2 doses** - both doses on or after 1st birthday.
 - d. **Hepatitis B - 3 doses**
 - e. **Varicella (chicken pox) – 1 dose**
3. Physical examination **no earlier than six months prior to entry into kindergarten.**
4. Dental Screening/Oral Health Assessment – by May 31st of 1st year in public school
5. Proof of Residency - **1 form dated within the last 60 days**(current electricity, water, gas, or cable bill, new rental agreement.
6. Parent/Guardian – valid picture ID

Q: When does kindergarten registration begin?

A: January 2018. Enrollment packets will be available at your home school site, the Centralized Student Service Center, and online at our website, www.hemetusd.org

Q: Can I enroll my child if he/she is waiting to have immunizations and/or a physical examination?

A: No, you must have verification of all immunizations required and a physical exam at the time of enrollment. However, If your child has had a physical in the last 12 months, and you are unable to obtain another exam before school starts in August 2018, bring in proof of the current physical exam when you enroll the child.

Q: Can I enroll my child in a school that is not my home school?

A: You may submit an Intra-District Transfer Request Form for placement at another district school at the time of registration. If you complete and submit your child's kindergarten enrollment before a decision is reached regarding the Intra District Transfer, your child will be placed in the home school (based on residence). Once you receive an approval of the transfer, your child will be placed in the requested school for 2018-19.

Q: If my child turns 5 after September 1, 2018, can I still enroll in kindergarten?

A: No, the child cannot attend regular kindergarten. Hemet Unified School District will offer the ***Transitional Kindergarten Program**, for students who turn 5 years old between September 2 and December 2, 2018. Students who turn 5 years old after December 2, 2018, will not be eligible for either program in 2018-19.

***TRANSITIONAL KINDERGARTEN PROGRAM**

Senate Bill (SB) 1381 amended the California Education Code to change the required birthday for admission to kindergarten beginning with the 2012-13 school year. The requirement states children **must be 5 years of age on or before December 2, 2018, for school admission in 2018-19.** Students with birthdates between September 2 and December 2, 2013, will be offered placement in a Transitional Kindergarten Program only.

Q: What are the requirements for Transitional Kindergarten?

A: Children must be born between September 2 and December 2, 2013. Enrollment requirements are the same as for regular kindergarten, with the exception of the physical exam, which must be obtained closer to the 1st grade year.

Q: Will my child automatically be enrolled in the program if his/her birthday falls between September 2 and December 2, 2013 and is currently enrolled in a preschool program?

A: No, you need to enroll your child for Transitional Kindergarten.

Q: After completing one year of Transitional Kindergarten will my child have to complete another year of kindergarten?

A: Yes, your child will need to complete a second year of kindergarten before advancing to first grade.