ADMISSION

The Governing Board encourages the enrollment and appropriate placement of all school-aged children in school. The Superintendent or designee shall inform parents/guardians of students entering a district school at any grade level about admission requirements and shall assist them with enrollment procedures.

Since the first years are so essential to a successful long-term educational experience, every effort is made to ensure that students entering transitional kindergarten and kindergarten are ready to learn and be successful. Balancing current understanding of the long-term effects of early education with the unique needs of each student requires careful consideration. The Board, in accordance with state regulation, holds that generally students are best served when they enter school at the ages research indicates is most conducive to long-term success. However, this policy and state regulation have prescribed the consideration of the individual needs of students for early entrance.

The decision regarding early entrance to transitional kindergarten, kindergarten, and first grade requires careful consideration of all factors. The academic, social, and emotional readiness, as well as the student's physical development and well-being, must be weighed and institutional factors may also be considered. Sound decision- making in the area of early entrance to transitional kindergarten and kindergarten is dependent upon reliable information regarding a student's readiness and a thoughtful balancing of the myriad of factors implicated by the decision.

It is the presumption of the Board that students will enter transitional kindergarten and kindergarten at the ages prescribed by state regulation. The Board understands that students whose birth dates closely miss the cutoff date for school attendance may have educational needs or demonstrated capabilities that warrant early admission to transitional kindergarten or kindergarten.

1. Students seeking early entrance to transitional kindergarten must demonstrate capabilities warranting early admission.

2. Students seeking early entrance to kindergarten must demonstrate capabilities warranting early admission.

3. Decisions regarding early entrance must include consideration of the above regardless of race, color, gender, religion, ancestry, national origin, marital status, age, disability, or sexual orientation of children and/or their families. Institutional factors, such as capacity, may also be considered.

The superintendent will develop regulations for implementing this policy that will include a screening process for students whose birth dates are beyond the state's prescribed admission date, as well as procedures for appealing decisions arising out of such screening.

Early entrance for transitional kindergarten will be considered for students with birthdays

between December 3rd- February 28th. Early entrance applications for transitional kindergarten for students whose birth dates occur past February 28th will not be considered.

Early entrance for kindergarten will be considered for students with birthdays between September 2nd – October 31st. Early entrance application for kindergarten for students whose birth dates occur past October 31st will not be considered.

The Superintendent or designee shall verify the student's age, residency, and any other admission criteria specified in law and in Board policies and administrative regulations.

(cf. 0410 - Nondiscrimination in District Programs and Activities)
(cf. 5111.1 - District Residency)
(cf. 5111.12 - Residency Based on Parent/Guardian Employment)
(cf. 5119 - Students Expelled from Other Districts)
(cf. 5125 - Student Records)
(cf. 5141.3 - Health Examinations)
(cf. 5141.31 - Immunizations)
(cf. 5141.32 - Health Screening for School Entry)
(cf. 6173 - Education for Homeless Children)
(cf. 6173.1 - Education for Foster Youth)
(cf. 6173.2 - Education of Children of Military Families)

All resident students who are enrolling either in the school in their attendance area or in another district school shall be subject to the timelines established by the Board in BP/AR 5116.1 - Intradistrict Open Enrollment. Nonresident students may apply for interdistrict attendance in accordance with the timelines specified in applicable Board policies and administrative regulations.

(cf. 5116.1 - Intradistrict Open Enrollment)
(cf. 5117 - Interdistrict Attendance)
(cf. 5118 - Open Enrollment Act Transfers)

The Superintendent or designee may admit to the ninth grade only those students who have graduated from eighth grade or who are recommended in writing by their eighth-grade principal as capable of profiting from high school instruction.

(cf. 5123 - Promotion/Acceleration/Retention)

Legal Reference: (see next page)

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Legal Reference:
EDUCATION CODE
46300 Computation of average daily attendance, inclusion of kindergarten and transitional kindergarten
46600 Agreements for admission of students 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)
48350-48361 Open Enrollment Act
48850-48859 *Educational placement of foster youth*
49076 Access to records by persons without written consent or under judicial order
49408 Information of use in emergencies
49700-49704 *Education of children of military families*
HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE
120325-120380 Education and child care facility immunization requirements
121475-121520 Tuberculosis tests for students
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 42
11431-11435 McKinney Homeless Assistance Act

Management Resources:
CSBA PUBLICATIONS
Transitional Kindergarten, Issue Brief, July 2011
OFFICE FOR CIVIL RIGHTS, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PUBLICATIONS
Dear Colleague Letter, May 6, 2011
WEB SITES
CSBA: http://www.csba.org
California Department of Education: http://www.cde.ca.gov
Office for Civil Rights, U.S. Department of Education: http://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr

ADMISSION

Age of Admittance to Grades K-1

A child shall be eligible for enrollment in kindergarten or first grade, at the beginning of the school year or at a later time in the same year, if the child has his/her fifth or sixth birthday, respectively, on or before one of the following dates: (Education Code 48000, 48010)

1. December 2 of the 2011-12 school year

2. November 1 of the 2012-13 school year

3. October 1 of the 2013-14 school year

4. September 1 of the 2014-15 school year and each school year thereafter

Any child who will have his/her fifth birthday between the date listed above for the applicable school year and December 2 shall be offered a transitional kindergarten program in accordance with law and Board policy. (Education Code 48000)

(cf. 5123 - Promotion/Acceleration/Retention)
(cf. 6170.1 - Transitional Kindergarten)

On a case-by-case basis, a child who reaches age five after the date listed above for the applicable school year may be admitted to kindergarten at any time during the school year with the approval of the child's parent/guardian, provided that: (Education Code 48000)

1. The Superintendent or designee determines that the admittance is in the best interests of the child.

2. The parent/guardian is given information regarding the advantages and disadvantages and any other explanatory information about the effect of this early admittance.

(cf. 5145.6 - Parental Notifications)

In determining whether a child may be granted early entry to kindergarten, the Superintendent or designee may also consider the availability of classroom space and any negotiated maximum class size.

(cf. 6151 - Class Size)
(cf. 7111 - Evaluating Existing Buildings)

Documentation of Age/Grade

Prior to the admission of a child to kindergarten or first grade, the parent/guardian shall present proof of the child's age. (Education Code 48002)

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Evidence of the child's age may include: (Education Code 48002)

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

3. Passport

When none of the foregoing is obtainable, the parent/guardian may provide any other appropriate means of proving the age of the child. (Education Code 48002)

A student enrolling in a district school at any other grade level shall present records from his/her previous school district documenting his/her age and current grade level.

(cf. 5125 - Student Records)
(cf. 6146.3 - Reciprocity of Academic Credit)