

**ADMISSION**

The Governing Board 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. 5111.12 - 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)*

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.

**Admittance to Kindergarten**

(a) A child shall be admitted to a kindergarten maintained by the school district at the beginning of a school year, or at a later time in the same year if the child will have his or her fifth birthday on or before one of the following dates:

- (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.

(b) The governing board of a school district maintaining one or more kindergartens may, on a case-by-case basis, admit to a kindergarten a child having attained the age of five years at any time during the school year with the approval of the parent or guardian, subject to the following conditions:

- (1) The governing board determines that the admittance is in the best interests of the child.
- (2) The parent or guardian is given information regarding the advantages and disadvantages and any other explanatory information about the effect of this early admittance.

**ADMISSION** (continued)

(c) As a condition of receipt of apportionment for pupils in a transitional kindergarten program pursuant to subdivision (g) of Section 46300, a school district or charter school shall ensure the following:

(1) In the 2012-13 school year, a child who will have his or her fifth birthday between November 2 and December 2 shall be admitted to a transitional kindergarten program maintained by the school district.

(2) In the 2013-14 school year, a child who will have his or her fifth birthday between October 2 and December 2 shall be admitted to a transitional kindergarten program maintained by the school district.

(3) In the 2014-15 school year and each school year thereafter, a child who will have his or her fifth birthday between September 2 and December 2 shall be admitted to a transitional kindergarten program maintained by the school district.

(d) For purposes of this section, “transitional kindergarten” means the first year of a two-year kindergarten program that uses a modified kindergarten curriculum that is age and developmentally appropriate.

(e) A transitional kindergarten shall not be construed as a new program or higher level of service.

(Amended by Stats. 2010, Ch. 705, Sec. 3)

**Proof of Age**

The parent or guardian of a child shall, prior to the admission of the child to the kindergarten or first grade of a school district, present proof to the authorities of the district evidencing that the child is of the minimum age fixed by law for admission thereto. The method of proof of age shall be prescribed by the governing board, and the evidence may be in the form of a certified copy of a birth record or a statement by the local registrar or a county recorder certifying the date of birth, or a baptism certificate duly attested, or a passport, or, when none of the foregoing is obtainable, an affidavit of the parent, guardian, or custodian of the minor, or any other appropriate means of proving the age of the child as prescribed by the governing board of the school district.

**ADMISSION** (continued)

(Amended by Stats. 1990, Ch. 700, Sec. 1.) *Legal Reference:*

EDUCATION CODE

*46600 Agreements for admission of pupils desiring inter-district 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 42

*11431-11435 McKinney Homeless Assistance Act*

*Management Resources:*

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*0900.90 Changes in law concerning eligibility for admission to kindergarten*