

## Entrance Age Requirements

A child may enter kindergarten if five years old on or before October 1<sup>st</sup> (first) of the year of enrollment. Younger students who do not meet the district's entrance age requirement for kindergarten may be accepted if transferring from another kindergarten program if the principal or designee determines that placement of the student in kindergarten is appropriate. A child who is four years old on or before the district's start date for kindergarten and has been identified as a highly advanced gifted student in accordance with applicable state law may enroll in kindergarten, if the principal or designee determines that placement of the student in kindergarten is appropriate.

Students enrolling in the first grade may enter if they are six years old on or before October 1<sup>st</sup> (first) of the year of enrollment. A student who is at least five years old on or before October 1 may be permitted to enroll in first grade if the student attended at least 120 days of kindergarten in another state. A child who is five years old on or before the district's start date for first grade and has been identified as a highly advanced gifted student in accordance with applicable state law may enroll in first grade, if the principal or designee determines that placement of the student in first grade is appropriate.

A legal birth certificate or other acceptable record shall be required for enrollment age certification. The principal or designee will make exceptions to these entrance age requirements in accordance with state law pertaining to the education of military children.

LEGAL REFS.: C.R.S. 22-1-115 (*school age*)  
C.R.S. 22-20-204 (*program plan requirements regarding highly advanced gifted children*)  
C.R.S. 22-32-119 (*kindergarten*)  
C.R.S. 22-54-103(10) (*sets October 1 date for funding*)  
C.R.S. 22-54-103 (10.5) (*defines pupil enrollment count day*)  
C.R.S. 24-60-3402 (*Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children*)  
1 CCR 301-8, 2220-R-12.00 (*highly advanced gifted children*)

CROSS REF.: JEA, Compulsory Attendance Ages

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