

Entrance Age Requirements

A child may enter Kindergarten or enroll in the first grade if they are five years old on or before October 1, 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 either a highly advanced gifted student in accordance with applicable state law, or a student with exceptional needs with an IEP, in accordance with state and federal law, may enroll in kindergarten, if the superintendent determines that placement of the student in kindergarten is appropriate.

A child may enroll in the first grade if they are six years old on or before October 1 of the year of enrollment. Younger students who do not meet the district's entrance age requirement for the first grade may be accepted if transferring from the first grade in another school or if they are determined by the district to be highly advanced gifted children.

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

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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. 22-33-104 (1)(a) (*Compulsory School Attendance Law requiring attendance for children aged 6 through 16 as of August 1*)
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, 2220-12.0 (*highly advanced gifted children*)

CROSS REF.: JEA, Compulsory Attendance Ages