

PIEDMONT UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Administrative Regulation

Students

AR 5111

ADMISSION

Age of Admission to Kindergarten and First Grade

Proof of age shall be required of all enrolling students.

At the beginning of each school year, the Superintendent or designee shall enroll any otherwise eligible child into Kindergarten only if they will their fifth birthday on or before September 1 of that year-and into First Grade only if they will have their 6th birthday on or before September 1 of that year (Education Code [48000](#), [48010](#))

Any child who will have his/her fifth birthday from September 2 through December 2 of the school year shall be offered a transitional kindergarten (TK) 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 will turn five years old in a given school year may be enrolled in kindergarten at any time during that school year with the approval of the child's parent/guardian, provided that: (Education Code [48000](#))

1. The Governing Board 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)

The Superintendent or designee shall make a recommendation to the Board regarding whether a child should be granted early entry to kindergarten. In doing so, the Superintendent or designee shall consider various factors including 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](#))

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. A 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](#))

Transitional Kindergarten

Senate Bill 1381 also created a Transitional Kindergarten (TK) for all public elementary schools. Transitional Kindergarten is the first year of a two-year kindergarten program.

Students whose 5th birthday falls between September 2nd and December 2nd are eligible for the Transitional Kindergarten Program only, with the expectation that they will participate in traditional kindergarten the following year.

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