

Fresno Unified Administrative Regulation (AR) 5111 Admission

Age of Admittance to Kindergarten and First Grade

At the beginning of each school year, the Superintendent or designee shall enroll any eligible child who will have their fifth or sixth birthday on or before September 1 of that year into kindergarten or first grade, as applicable. (Education Code 48000, 48010)

Any child who will have their 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 or TK 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 admittance is in the best interest 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)

To be eligible for registration, a child must be present in person and accompanied by parent/guardian or other responsible adult. For the convenience of parents/guardians who may be employed or otherwise unavailable, children may be registered by an adult designated by the parent/guardian/caregiver to perform this service.

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)

District staff shall not seek or require, to the exclusion of other permissible documentation or information, documentation or information that may indicate a student's immigration status, such as a green card, voter registration, a passport, or citizenship papers.

Where any law contemplates submission of national origin related information to satisfy the

requirements of a special program, district staff shall solicit that documentation or information separately from the school enrollment process.

Where permitted by law, the district's Executive Director, Department of Prevention and Intervention, shall enumerate alternative means to establish residency, age, or other eligibility criteria for enrollment or programs, and those alternative means shall include among them documentation or information that are available to persons regardless of immigration status, citizenship status, or national origin, and that do not reveal information related to citizenship or immigration status.

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

1. Previously enrolled in a California School.
2. A duly attested baptismal certificate
3. Adoption papers.
4. Passport.
5. A certified copy of a Birth Certificate or a statement by the local registrar or county recorder certifying the date of birth.
6. An Affidavit of the parent or guardian when none of the foregoing are obtainable.
7. Other means prescribed by the board

Fresno Unified School District prohibits discrimination, harassment, intimidation, and bullying based on actual or perceived race, color, ethnicity, national origin, immigration status, ancestry, age, creed, religion, political affiliation, gender, gender identity, gender expression, genetic information, mental or physical disability, sex, sexual orientation, marital status, pregnancy or parental status, medical information, military veteran status, or association with a person or a group with one or more of these actual or perceived characteristics or any other basis protected by law or regulation, in its educational program(s) or employment.

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