

Maricopa Unified School District

Board Policy

Students

Admission

BP 5111

The Maricopa Unified School District Board of Education encourages the enrollment and appropriate placement of all school-aged children in school. The Superintendent or designee shall inform parents/guardians of students entering a district school at any grade level about admission requirements and shall assist them with enrollment procedures.

The Superintendent or designee shall verify the student's age, residency, and any other admission criteria specified in law and in Board policies and administrative regulations.

(cf. 0410 - Nondiscrimination in District Programs and Activities)
(cf. 5111.1 - District Residency)
(cf. 5111.12 - Residency Based on Parent/Guardian Employment)
(cf. 5119 - Students Expelled from Other Districts)
(cf. 5125 - Student Records)
(cf. 5141.3 - Health Examinations)
(cf. 5141.31 - Immunizations)
(cf. 5141.32 - Health Screening for School Entry)
(cf. 6173 - Education for Homeless Children)
(cf. 6173.1 - Education for Foster Youth)
(cf. 6173.2 - Education of Children of Military Families)

All resident students who are enrolling either in the school in their attendance area or in another district school shall be subject to the timelines established by the Board in BP/AR 5116.1 - Intradistrict Open Enrollment. Nonresident students may apply for interdistrict attendance in accordance with the timelines specified in applicable Board policies and administrative regulations.

(cf. 5116.1 - Intradistrict Open Enrollment)
(cf. 5117 - Interdistrict Attendance)
(cf. 5118 - Open Enrollment Act Transfers)

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.
(cf. 5123 - Promotion/Acceleration/Retention)

Legal Reference:
EDUCATION CODE

46300 Computation of average daily attendance, inclusion of kindergarten and transitional kindergarten
46600 Agreements for admission of students desiring interdistrict 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)
48350-48361 Open Enrollment Act
48850-48859 Educational placement of foster youth
49076 Access to records by persons without written consent or under judicial order
49408 Information of use in emergencies
49700-49704 Education of children of military families

HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE

120325-120380 Education and child care facility immunization requirements
121475-121520 Tuberculosis tests for students

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:

CSBA PUBLICATIONS

Transitional Kindergarten, Issue Brief, July 2011

OFFICE FOR CIVIL RIGHTS, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PUBLICATIONS

Dear Colleague Letter, May 6, 2011

WEB SITES

CSBA: <http://www.csba.org>

California Department of Education: <http://www.cde.ca.gov>

Office for Civil Rights, U.S. Department of Education:

<http://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr>

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Administrative Regulation

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Age of Admittance to Grades K-1

A child shall be eligible for enrollment in kindergarten or first grade, at the beginning of the school year or at a later time in the same year, if the child has his/her fifth or sixth birthday, respectively, on or before one of the following dates: (Education Code 48000, 48010)

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

Any child who will have his/her fifth birthday between the date listed above for the applicable school year and December 2 shall be offered a transitional kindergarten 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 reaches age five after the date listed above for the applicable school year may be admitted to kindergarten at any time during the school year with the approval of the child's parent/guardian, provided that: (Education Code 48000)

1. The Superintendent or designee 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)

In determining whether a child may be granted early entry to kindergarten, the Superintendent or designee may also consider 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. 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)

A student enrolling in a district school at any other grade level shall present records from his/her previous school district documenting his/her age and current grade level.

(cf. 5125 - Student Records)
(cf. 6146.3 - Reciprocity of Academic Credit)

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