

**CLOVIS UNIFIED
SCHOOL DISTRICT****STUDENTS**

Admissions Residency and Attendance

ADMISSION/ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENTS

PURPOSE: To set forth requirements and procedures regarding admission and enrollment of all school-aged children, including admission to kindergarten and transitional kindergarten and promotion to first grade.

The Board encourages the enrollment and appropriate placement of all school-aged children in school. The Superintendent or designee shall inform parents/guardians of children seeking admission to a District school at any grade level about admission requirements and shall assist them with enrollment procedures. Students whose residence is within Board-established attendance boundaries shall attend that school subject to the provisions outlined in Board Policy and Administration Regulation No. 5111.1.

A. ADMISSION TO KINDERGARTEN AND TRANSITIONAL KINDERGARTEN

1. A child shall be admitted to kindergarten during the first month of a school year or later in the same year if the child attains the age of five on or before September 1 of that school year.
2. A child shall be admitted to transitional kindergarten during the first month of school if the child attains the age of five in accordance to the birthdate range within the law.
3. Transitional kindergarten is the first year of a two year kindergarten program that uses a modified kindergarten curriculum that is age and developmentally appropriate. Students who enroll in transitional kindergarten will be admitted to kindergarten the following school year.

B. EARLY ADMISSION TO KINDERGARTEN

Parent(s)/guardian(s) requesting to enroll a child in kindergarten earlier than the State guidelines allow must initiate an appointment with the principal or designee of their child's school and present compelling evidence for their request. Compelling evidence may be comprised of academic and social-emotional documentation that supports the parents'/guardians' assertion that their child is prepared to enter kindergarten. Parents/guardians must be given information regarding the advantages and disadvantages and any other explanatory information about the effect of this early admission. Should the principal or designee find merit in the request, the principal or designee will request that a kindergarten teacher conduct an evaluation of the student's academic, social, and physical readiness. The results of this evaluation will form the site's rationale for supporting or denying the request for early admission and be provided to the parents/guardians and area assistant superintendent in writing.

Should the school site support early admission, the area assistant superintendent will present the principal's or designee's written support to the Superintendent for approval. The Board delegates authority to Superintendent or designee to review the written support and determine that the

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admittance is in the best interest of the child. (Education Code 35161)

C. PROMOTION FROM KINDERGARTEN TO FIRST GRADE

1. It is a policy of the Board that a child who has been lawfully admitted to a public school or private school kindergarten in California and who has attained at least five years of age may be placed in the first grade with the consent of the parent/guardian and at the discretion of the principal or designee of an elementary school operated by the District if it is determined by the principal or designee that the child is ready for first grade work. Parent(s)/guardian(s) requesting that their child be enrolled in first grade before completing kindergarten must initiate an appointment with the principal or designee of their child's school and provide compelling evidence for their request. Compelling evidence may be comprised of academic and psychological documentation that supports the parents'/guardians' assertion that their child is prepared to enter first grade.
2. The principal or designee shall assure that a kindergarten student considered for placement in the first grade shall meet the following minimum criteria:
 - a. The kindergarten student has attended a public school kindergarten for a sufficient time to allow an evaluation of the student's academic ability.
 - b. The student is in the upper 5% of his or her peers in terms of general academic performance. All students who appear eligible (either by parent request or teacher observations) shall be given a group or individual readiness test designated by the principal or designee within the first two weeks after the opening of school. The principal or designee may require other tests as deemed necessary. The results of these tests will form the site's rationale for supporting or denying the request for early promotion to the parents/guardians and area assistant superintendent in writing.
 - c. The student shall exhibit advanced physical development and social maturity at the time of the request. Further, it should be reasonably expected that these advanced characteristics will be maintained as the student advances through the grades.
 - d. The parent shall file a written acknowledgement approving placement in the first grade after a conference with the principal or designee and the teacher.

D. ENTRANCE TO FIRST GRADE

1. A child who, consistent with Education Code section 48000, has been admitted to a kindergarten maintained by a private or a public school in California or any other state, and who has completed one school year therein, shall be admitted to the first grade of an elementary school, unless the parent or guardian of the child and the District agree that the child may continue in kindergarten for no more than an additional school year.

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A year of attendance in kindergarten does not in itself qualify a child for admission to the first grade, unless the child was properly eligible under age requirements of Education Code section 48000 at the time the child began the year of kindergarten.

2. A child who is six years of age can enter school at any time.

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EDUCATION CODE

234.7 Student protections relating to immigration and citizenship status

35161 Powers and duties

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

48645.5 Enrollment of former juvenile court school students

48850-48859 Educational placement of homeless and foster youth

49076 Access to records by persons without written consent or under judicial order

49076.7 Student records; data privacy; social security numbers

49408 Information of use in emergencies

49452.9 Health care coverage options and enrollment assistance

49700-49703 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

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UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 5
552a Note Refusal to disclose social security number

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 42
11431-11435 McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act

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