## **Administrative Regulation**

AR 5111 Students

Admission

Age of Admission

\*\*\*Note: Education Code 48002 specifies that the method of proof of age, when admitting children to kindergarten or first grade, shall be prescribed by the Board and may include any appropriate means prescribed by the Board. The following paragraph may be revised as desired.\*\*\*

Proof of age shall be required of all enrolling students. The legal evidences of age, in order of desirability, are a birth certificate, baptismal certificate, passport, immigration certificate, Bible record, or affidavit from the parent/guardian.

\*\*\*Note: AB 1324 (Ch. 381, Statutes of 1991) amended Education Code 48000 to provide that a child who will be five years old on or before December 2 of a school year shall be admitted to kindergarten at the beginning of the school year or at any later time in the same year. \*\*\*

A child who will reach the age of five on or before December 2 of the school year shall be eligible for enrollment in kindergarten at the beginning of that school year or at any later time in the same year. (Education Code 48000)

\*\*\*Note: The following optional paragraph is provided for those districts operating a prekindergarten summer program as authorized by Education Code 48000.\*\*\*

A child who will reach the age of five on or before December 2 of the school year shall be eligible for enrollment in the district pre-kindergarten summer program. (Education Code 48000)

A child who will have reached the age of six years on or before December 2 of the current school year shall be eligible for enrollment in the first grade. (Education Code 48010)

## Early Entry to Kindergarten

\*\*\*Note: The following optional section is for use by districts that choose to admit to kindergarten at any time during the school year a child who has attained the age of five years. AB 1324 (Ch. 381, Statutes of 1991) amended Education Code 48000 to require that such admittance be determined on a case-by-case basis in the best interests of the child. As in the past, the district must inform parents/guardians as to the effects, advantages and disadvantages of early admittance and must obtain parental approval. \*\*\*

A child who becomes five years old after December 2 may be admitted into kindergarten, with parental approval, at any time after his/her fifth birthday during the school year when the Superintendent or designee determines on a case-by-case basis that such admittance is in the child's best interests.

The Superintendent or designee shall provide parents/guardians with information as to the effects, advantages and disadvantages of early entry into kindergarten. (Education Code 48000)

Classroom space must be available, and the class size cap specified in certificated negotiated agreements may not be exceeded.

(cf. 5123 - Promotion/Acceleration/Retention)

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