

ENTRANCE AGE REQUIREMENTS

Colorado Preschool Program

Children who are three years old on or before October 1 of the school year in which they would like to enroll may be eligible to enter the Colorado Preschool Program in schools where this program is offered. Children who are eligible for Special Education Services may enter the Colorado Preschool Program on their third birthday.

Kindergarten

Children who are five years old on or before October 1 of the school year in which they would like to enroll may enter kindergarten. A birth certificate, passport, visa, etc., to verify age and other records shall be required for all kindergarten children who have not been in the Colorado Springs District 11 Schools.*

First Grade

Children who are six years old on or before October 1 of the school year in which they would like to enter school shall be admitted to first grade. A birth certificate, passport, visa, etc., to verify age and other records shall be required of all first grade children who have not been in the Colorado Springs District 11 Schools.*

Exceptions

A student seeking to enroll in first grade who is five years old on or before October 1 of the school year in which they would like to enter school may be admitted to first grade if the student attended at least one hundred twenty days of kindergarten in a state other than Colorado.

A student seeking to enroll in first grade who is five years old on or before October 1 of the school year in which they would like to enter school may be admitted to first grade if the student has been identified as high advanced gifted by the District.

A student seeking to enroll in kindergarten who is four years old on or before October 1 of the school year in which they would like to enter school may be admitted to kindergarten if the student has been identified as high advanced gifted by the District.

Pursuant to the Military Interstate Children's Compact, a student of a military family enrolling in the District from another state can continue in kindergarten or first grade if he or she was already enrolled in kindergarten or first grade in an accredited public or private school in the sending state and as long as the student met age requirements in the sending state. A student of a military family enrolling in the District from another state may go to the next grade regardless of age requirements, if he or she has successfully completed kindergarten or first grade in the sending state.

In addition, if a student is transferring from a private or parochial kindergarten or first grade, or has not yet attended school, and does not meet the entrance age requirements above, the principal and teacher may assess the student and decide at the building level with parent/guardian input to make an exception provided adequate space and resources exist. No charge shall be made to the parents/guardians for school assessments. Students who are not covered by the Military Interstate Children's Compact and who attain the age of five years after December 31 will not be accepted

under any conditions. Students who meet the age requirement will be given priority over students being considered for the exception.

The state does not provide funding until the above entrance age requirement is met.

*Under the McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Act, the children of families who are considered homeless are eligible for immediate enrollment without documentation.

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LEGAL REFS.: C.R.S. 22-1-102 and 102.5
C.R.S. 22-1-115
C.R.S. 22-32-119
C.R.S. 22-33-104 and 104.5
C.R.S. 22-54-103(10)(a)(4)(B)
Military Interstate Children's Compact

CROSS REFS.: IHBB, Gifted and Talented Education
JEA, Compulsory Attendance Ages
JF, Student Admissions To and Withdrawals from Schools (Enrollment)
JLCB, Immunization of Students
JFABB, Admission of Homeless Students
JFBA/JFBB and JFBA/JFBB-R, Intra-District/Inter-District Choice Permits and Voluntary Permits