

## Entrance Age Requirements

A child may enter kindergarten if they are five years old on or before June 1<sup>st</sup> of the year of enrollment. Students that have a birthday between June 2, 2015 and September 1, 2015, and have successfully completed a 4-year old preschool program at either Marsh Elementary or Monte Vista Head Start, may enroll in Kindergarten for the 2020-21 school year.

Students enrolling in the first grade may enter if they are six years old on or before June 1<sup>st</sup> of the year of enrollment. Students that have a birthday between June 2, 2014 and September 1, 2014, and have successfully completed Kindergarten at Marsh Elementary, may enroll in First Grade at Bill Metz Elementary for the 2020-21 school year.

A legal birth certificate or other acceptable record shall be required for enrollment age certification. The principal or designee will make exceptions to these entrance age requirements in accordance with state law pertaining to the education of military children.

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LEGAL REFS.: C.R.S. 22-1-115 (school age)  
C.R.S. 22-20-204 (program plan requirements regarding highly advanced gifted children)  
C.R.S. 22-32-119 (kindergarten)  
C.R.S. 22-54-103(10) (sets October 1 date for funding)  
C.R.S. 22-54-103 (10.5) (defines pupil enrollment count day)  
C.R.S. 24-60-3402 (Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children)  
1 CCR 301-8, 2220-R-12.00 (highly advanced gifted children)

CROSS REF.: JEA, Compulsory Attendance Ages

NOTE 1: While school boards are allowed to establish the entrance age requirement for the district, state law specifies that a district may count and receive funding only for students enrolled in the first grade who are six years old on or before October 1 of the applicable budget year, who are five years old on or before October 1 and attended at least 120 days of kindergarten in another state, or who are five years old on or before the district's start date and identified as highly advanced gifted students. C.R.S. 22-54-103 (10)(a)(IV)(A) & (B). Similarly, state law specifies that a district may count and receive funding only for kindergarten students who are five years old on or before October 1 of the applicable budget year or for kindergarten students who are four years old on or before the district's start date and identified as highly advanced gifted students. C.R.S. 22-54-103 (10)(a)(V)(A) & (B).

NOTE 2: The Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children, C.R.S. 24-60-3402 requires districts to enroll children of military families in kindergarten or first grade, regardless of the child's age if: (1) the child is transferring from another state and was enrolled in kindergarten or first grade in the other state; and (2) the child has a parent(s) who is active military. The Interstate Compact overrides the entrance age requirements of the School Finance Act, C.R.S. 22-54-103(10). Please contact CDE's school finance unit for the audit requirements pertaining to this exception.