

## ENTRANCE AGE REQUIREMENTS

As required by state law, every child who has attained the age of six years on or before August 1 of each year and is under the age of seventeen years, shall attend school for at least 1,056 hours annually for secondary school students and 968 hours annually for elementary school students. It is the parents' responsibility to ensure attendance.

A child may enter Kindergarten if they are five years of age on or before October 1 of the year of enrollment. Younger students who do not meet the district's entrance age requirement for kindergarten may be accepted if transferring from another kindergarten program, if the principal or designee determines that placement of the student in kindergarten is appropriate.

A child may enroll in the first grade if they are six years old on or before October 1 of the year of enrollment. Younger students who do not meet the district's entrance age requirement for the first grade may be accepted if transferring from the first grade in another school or if they are determined by the district to be highly advanced gifted children.

A legal birth certificate or other acceptable record is 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..

See Administrative Policy S-1-R: Procedures for Kindergarten Early Entrance for Highly Gifted Students

### LEGAL REF:

#### **C.R.S. 22-115 (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. 22-33-104(1)(a) Compulsory School Attendance Law requiring attendance for children aged 6 through 16 as of August 1)

C.R.S. 22-33-107 (enforcement of school attendance laws)

C.R.S. 22-33-104.5 (home-based education)

C.R.S. 22-33-108 (judicial proceedings to enforce school attendance laws)

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)

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