

ADMISSION

The Governing Board encourages the enrollment and appropriate placement of all school-aged children in school. The Superintendent or designee shall inform parents/guardians of children entering a district school at any grade level about admission requirements and shall assist them with enrollment procedures.

Before enrolling any child in a district school, the Superintendent or designee shall verify the child's age, residency, immunization, and other applicable eligibility criteria specified in law, the accompanying administrative regulation, or other applicable Board policy or administrative regulation.

(cf. 5111.1 - District Residency)

(cf. 5125 - Student Records)

(cf. 5141.3 - Health Examinations)

(cf. 5141.31 - Immunizations)

(cf. 5141.32 - Health Screening for School Entry)

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that the enrollment of a homeless or foster child or a child of a military family is not delayed because of outstanding fees or fines owed to the child's last school or for his/her inability to produce previous academic, medical, or other records normally required for enrollment.

(cf. 6173 - Education for Homeless Children)

(cf. 6173.1 - Education for Foster Youth)

(cf. 6173.2 - Education of Children of Military Families)

In addition, no child shall be denied enrollment in a district school solely on the basis of his/her arrest, adjudication by a juvenile court, formal or informal supervision by a probation officer, detention in a juvenile facility, enrollment in a juvenile court school, or other contact with the juvenile justice system. (Education Code 48645.5)

(cf. 5119 - Students Expelled from Other Districts)

(cf. 6173.3 - Education for Juvenile Court School Students)

The Superintendent or designee shall not inquire into or request documentation of a student's citizenship or immigration status, and shall not deny a student enrollment in a district school on the basis of the citizenship or immigration status of the student or his/her parents/guardians. Any information obtained about a student's or parent/guardian's citizenship or immigration status shall not be shared without parent/guardian consent or a lawful judicial order, in accordance with laws pertaining to the confidentiality of student records.

(cf. 0410 - Nondiscrimination in District Programs and Activities)

(cf. 5145.3 - Nondiscrimination/Harassment)

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A student shall not be denied enrollment based on the parent/guardian's refusal to provide the student's or parent/guardian's social security number. During the enrollment process, students and parents/guardians shall be informed that disclosure of their social security number is voluntary. (5 USC 552a Note)

When enrolling in any district school, including a school in their attendance area, children whose parents/guardians reside within district boundaries shall be subject to the timelines established by the Board for open enrollment. Children whose parents/guardians do not reside within the district or who are not otherwise eligible for enrollment in the district may apply for interdistrict attendance in accordance with the timelines specified in applicable Board policies and administrative regulations.

(cf. 5116.1 - Intradistrict Open Enrollment)

(cf. 5117 - Interdistrict Attendance)

(cf. 5118 - Open Enrollment Act Transfers)

The district's enrollment application shall include information about the health care options and enrollment assistance available to families within the district. The district shall not discriminate against any child for not having health care coverage and shall not use any information relating to a child's health care coverage or his/her interest in learning about health care coverage in any manner that would harm the child or his/her family. (Education Code 49452.9)

*Legal Reference:*EDUCATION CODE

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*

48850-48859 *Educational placement of homeless and foster youth*

48645.5 *Enrollment of former juvenile court school students*

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

49408 *Information of use in emergencies*

49452.9 *Health care coverage options and enrollment assistance*

49700-49704 *Education of children of military families*

HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE

120325-120380 *Education and child care facility immunization requirements*

Legal Reference: (continued next page)

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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
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
COURT DECISIONS
Plyler v. Doe, 457 U.S. 202 (1982)

Management Resources:

CSBA PUBLICATIONS
Legal Guidance on Providing All Children Equal Access to Education, Regardless of Immigration Status,
February 2017
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE CIVIL RIGHTS DIVISION AND U.S. DEPARTMENT OF
EDUCATION OFFICE FOR CIVIL RIGHTS JOINT PUBLICATIONS
Fact Sheet: Information on the Rights of All Children to Enroll in School
Dear Colleague Letter: School Enrollment Procedures, May 8, 2014
WEB SITES
CSBA: <http://www.csba.org>
California Department of Education: <http://www.cde.ca.gov>
U.S. Department of Education, Office for Civil Rights: <http://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr>
U.S. Department of Justice: <http://www.justice.gov>

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VISALIA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
Visalia, California

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Age of Admittance to Kindergarten and First Grade

At the beginning of each school year, the Superintendent or designee shall enroll any otherwise eligible child who will have his/her fifth or sixth birthday on or before September 1 of that year into kindergarten or first grade, as applicable. (Education Code 48000, 48010)

Any child who will have his/her fifth birthday from September 2 through December 2 of the school year shall be offered a transitional kindergarten (TK) program in accordance with law and Board policy. (Education Code 48000)

(cf. 5123 - Promotion/Acceleration/Retention)
(cf. 6170.1 - Transitional Kindergarten)

The Superintendent or designee shall make a recommendation to the Board regarding whether a child should be granted early entry to kindergarten. In doing so, the Superintendent or designee shall consider various factors including the availability of classroom space and any negotiated maximum class size.

(cf. 6151 - Class Size)
(cf. 7111 - Evaluating Existing Buildings)

Documentation of Age/Grade

Prior to the admission of a child to kindergarten or first grade, the parent/guardian shall present proof of the child's age. (Education Code 48002)

Evidence of the child's age may include: (Education Code 48002)

1. A certified copy of a birth certificate or a statement by the local registrar or county recorder certifying the date of birth
2. A duly attested baptism certificate
3. A passport

When none of the foregoing is obtainable, the parent/guardian may provide any other appropriate means of proving the age of the child. (Education Code 48002)

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