

**Entrance Age Requirements
(Including Kindergarten Placement)**

Decisions regarding the required age for beginning kindergarten students, for the placement of students in classrooms, and for the basic structure of the kindergarten program should be based first upon the needs of the child and secondly upon an effective and efficient utilization of District resources. The geographic nature of the District and travel distances may necessitate different programs in different parts of the District.

REGULATIONS:

1. Kindergarten Entrance Age

A child must be five (5) years old on or before October 1 of the current school year to be eligible to enter kindergarten. A certified birth certificate or passport shall be required for enrollment age certification.

A child moving into the Eagle County School District from another state after the beginning of the school year may be considered for entrance if the child has reached the age of five (5) years on or before October 1 of the current school year or has successfully completed forty-five (45) school days in some other public or state certified kindergarten program. Successful completion must be documented in writing by previous school.

2. First Grade Entrance Age

Beginning in 2006-07 a child must be six (6) years old on or before October 1 of the current school year to be eligible to enter first grade. A certified birth certificate or passport shall be required for enrollment age certification. A child moving into the Eagle County School District from another state after the beginning of the school year may be considered for entrance to the first grade if the child has reached the age of six (6) years on or before October 1 of the current school year or has successfully completed a full year in a public or state certified kindergarten program or forty-five (45) days of first grade in some certified program in a public or private school. Successful completion must be documented in writing by previous school.

3. Available Programs

- a. Elementary schools will have a half-day, every day kindergarten program. Five day, all day programs will be available based on tuition.
- b. Each elementary school will advertise and conduct a kindergarten roundup program each year. The purpose of this roundup will be to begin to identify learning needs of children.
- c. Students will be assigned to specific classes by the building principal. Consideration will be given to the learning needs of students.

LEGAL REF.: C.R.S. 22-1-115
 C.R.S. 22-32-119

C.R.S. 22-54-103(10)(a)(IV) (*sets October 1 date*)

CROSS REF.: JHD -- Exclusions and Exemptions from School Attendance
 JEB-E1 -- Early Entrance Process, Sample Press Release, and Early
 Entrance Criteria Checklist
 JEB-E2 -- Early Entrance Request for Waiver
 JEB-E3 -- Cost for Early Entrance Evaluation