
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

Younger students shall be accepted if transferring from another public school kindergarten or first grade, if they have attended at least 20 student contact days.

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 input to make an exception provided adequate space and resources exist. No charge shall be made to the parents for school assessments. Students 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. 22-33-107
C.R.S. 22-33-108

CROSS Refs.: 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