



**Responsible:** Department of Student Accounting

## **PURPOSE**

This Administrative Procedure shall describe the effective age of enrollment for entrance into kindergarten, first, and second grades.

## **PROCEDURE**

1. All students under age 8 must be *enrolled* according to NRS 392.040. Once enrolled, the students may be *placed* in curriculum according to the judgment of the principal in consultation with the parents. For example, a student who completed an approved Nevada private kindergarten or any out of state kindergarten at age four (4), may be enrolled if age five (5) on or before the first day of school.
2. If the student has already received instruction in the kindergarten curriculum and the child is ready for first grade, the principal may place the kindergarten student in a first-grade classroom (while the student is enrolled in kindergarten). Brigance testing, teacher observation, and social/emotional needs of the student must be used to determine if this is accurate placement.
  - a. Please note: The same would be true of 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade placement using the appropriate testing, teacher observation, and social/emotional needs of the student to determine the best placement.
3. NRS 392.040-prescribed enrollment requirements:
  - i. A child who is **five (5) years of age** on or before the first day of school at the school the child is attending may be admitted to kindergarten at the beginning of that school year. If a child is not 5 years of age on or before the first day of school at the school the child is attending, the child must not be admitted to kindergarten. For the 22-23 school year only, any student who completed Pre-Kindergarten during the 21-22 school year who is **five (5) years of age** on or before September 30, 2022, may still attend Kindergarten. This Pre-Kindergarten program may have been offered at a home school, private school, or public school.
  - b. A child who is **six (6) years of age** on or before the first day of school must:
    - i. If the child has not completed kindergarten, be admitted to kindergarten at the beginning of that school year; or if the child has not completed kindergarten the child may still be admitted to

the first grade if the child is six (6) years of age on or before the first day of school at the school the child is attending and passed the first grade entrance exam or been officially enrolled in the Home School program.

- ii. If the child has completed either WCSD kindergarten or a kindergarten program on the approved list, the child may be admitted to the first grade at the beginning of that school year.
- iii. If a child is not six (6) years of age on or before the first the of school where the child is attending, the child must not be admitted to the first grade until the beginning of the school year following his 6<sup>th</sup> birthday.

c. A child who is **seven (7) years of age** must:

- i. If the child has completed kindergarten and the first grade, be admitted to the second grade.
- ii. If the child has completed kindergarten, be admitted to the first grade.

- 4. Students enrolled in Nevada private schools in kindergarten and first grade may not attend second grade if they are under the age of seven (7) on the first day of school at the school the child is attending..
- 5. NRS 392.040 defines compulsory attendance for children between the ages of seven (7) and 17. The statute also defines when a student under the prescribed age of attendance for kindergarten and first grade can be admitted: "A child who becomes a resident of this State after completing kindergarten or beginning first grade in another state in accordance with the laws of that state may be admitted to the grade he was attending or would be attending had he remained a resident of the other state regardless of his age, unless the board of trustees of the school district determines that the requirements of this section are being deliberately circumvented."
- 6. Plainly stated: Children who are not age five (5) on or before the first day of school at the school the child is attending cannot be enrolled in kindergarten (or higher grades). Children who are six (6) years of age on or before the first day of school at the school where the child is attending must only enroll in either kindergarten or first grade. Children who are seven (7) years of age on the first day of school where the child is attending must only enroll in kindergarten, 1<sup>st</sup> grade, or 2<sup>nd</sup> grade.

**LEGAL REQUIREMENTS AND ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTS**

1. This Administrative Procedure reflects the goals of the District’s Strategic Plan.
2. This Administrative Procedure complies with Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) and Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) Chapter 392, Pupils.
  - a. NRS 392.040 Attendance required for child between 7 and 18 years of age; minimum age required for kindergarten and first grade; waiver from attendance available for child 6 years of age; developmental screening test required to determine placement; effect of military transfer of parent of child.

**REVISION HISTORY**

Date	Revision	Modification
2/2012	1.0	Adopted as Accepted Practice
1/03/2014	2.0	Revised: Converted to Administrative Procedure
12/06/2021	3.0	Revised: To reflect the legislative changes from the 2021 session.