


<p style="text-align: center;">Tucson Unified School District</p>  <p style="text-align: center;">Tucson, Arizona</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>GOVERNING BOARD POLICY</b></p>	POLICY TITLE: Entrance Age Requirements
	POLICY CODE: JEB

**Preschool**

A Preschool child means a child at least three years of age but who has not reached the age required for kindergarten.

**Special Preschool (Early Childhood Exceptional Education)**

A child evaluated and recommended for special services for a disability in accord with statute, and who has reached their third (3rd) birthday, may be admitted to preschool. If otherwise eligible, the District may admit a child who is within ninety (90) days of reaching age three (3) years if it is determined to be in the best interest of the individual. The Director of Project Able shall make such determination based upon one or more consultations with parent(s), guardian(s), the child, and the multidisciplinary placement team.

**Kindergarten & First Grade**

For admission to kindergarten, children must be five years of age prior to September 1 of the current school year.

Children may be admitted to first grade who are six years of age, or shall be deemed six years of age if they reach such age prior to September 1 of the current school year.

Exceptions to Kindergarten and first grade admissions will only be made by the Superintendent or designee and shall be consistent with state law.

**Transfer from another School**

A kindergarten or first grade student seeking a transfer to a TUSD school may be admitted under the following circumstances:

- The accredited public school or private school from which the student is transferring has an age admission requirement which differs from TUSD’s Governing Board policy; and
- The student has been enrolled for at least a full semester; and/ or
- The student has demonstrated developmental, academic and emotional grade level competency (aligned with Arizona State Standards) as evidenced by school records and verified by the receiving school.

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**LEGAL REF.:** A.R.S. 15-701 Common school; promotions; requirements;  
15-701.01 High school; graduation; requirements; community college or university  
courses; transfer from private schools; academic credit  
15-703 Kindergarten programs and special departments  
15-766 Evaluation of child for placement in special education program  
15-767 Review of special education placement; report of educational progress  
15-771 Preschool programs for children with disabilities; definition  
15-821 Admission of children; required age  
15-901 Definitions.

A.A.C. R7-2-301 Minimum Course of Study and Competency Goals for Students in  
the Common Schools

**CROSS REF: Policy # JG** Assignment of Students to Classes and Grade Levels

**Replaces TUSD Policy # 5001** Required Age for Admission of Children