

Descriptor Term: ENTRANCE AGE

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The Gulfport School District will comply with age requirements for entry into Kindergarten and grade 1 as follows:

**Kindergarten:** A child must have attained his/her fifth birthday on or before September 1 of the current year. (See exception below)

**Grade One:** A child must have attained his/her sixth birthday on or before September 1 of the current year. Exception: If a child's birthday is later than September 1 of the current year and he/she was legally enrolled in the first grade in another state for a minimum of four weeks prior to moving into Mississippi, the child may be legally transferred from that other state's school into a first grade classroom in a Mississippi school, provided the parents or guardians were legal residents of the state from which the child is transferring and have now established legal residence in Mississippi. The child must make satisfactory progress as determined by the Superintendent or designee in order to remain enrolled under this exception. **This exception also applies for kindergarten enrollment.**