

Grade Level Placement Criteria 2024-25



Birthdate Criteria	Grade Level
Born after 06/02/2020	Not eligible for enrollment.
09/02/19 – 06/02/20	Transitional Kindergarten
09/02/18 – 09/01/19	Kindergarten
09/02/17 – 09/01/18	1
09/02/16 – 09/01/17	2
09/02/15 – 09/01/16	3
09/02/14 – 09/01/15	4

Irvine Chinese Immersion Academy
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It is recognized that students do their best work in school when they are placed in a grade with other students of their same chronological age.

PROCESS FOR STUDENT ENROLLMENT

Chronological Age

1. Verify student birth date and age provided at the time of initial enrollment.
2. Use the chart to identify the appropriate age-range for each grade level.
3. Specific guidelines for Pre-K (TK), K, and 1st:
 - i. Children born between September 2, 2019 and June 2, 2020 will be placed in the Pre-Kindergarten (Transitional Kindergarten) program. Parents do not have an option to petition for a Kindergarten placement.
 - ii. Minimum age requirement for Kinder: *A child shall be admitted to a Kindergarten at the beginning of a school year, or at any later time in the same year if the child will have his or her **fifth (5th) birthday on or before September 1st of that school year.** (EC Section 48000; Kindergarten Readiness Bill 1381)*
 - iii. *A child shall be admitted to the first (1st) grade of an elementary school during the first month of a school year if the child will have his or her **sixth (6th) birthday on or before September 1st of that school year.** (EC Section 48010)*

Academic Records and Prior Educational Experience

1. Carefully review previous academic records. They can include, but are not limited to:
 - i. Grade reports and/or enrollment records (TK-4)
 - ii. Official Transcripts (if applicable)
2. Follow the standard practice of reciprocity between other districts and states if grade placement is within the appropriate age-range and in correspondence with the current school calendar year. *When a child has been legally enrolled in a public school of another district within or out of the state, he or she may be admitted to school and placed in the grade of enrollment in the district of former attendance, at the discretion of the school administration of the district entered. (EC Section 48011)*
3. If the grade of enrollment in the previous school does not correspond as mentioned above, place by age and reserve the right to make necessary grade level adjustments within the first 30 days of the child's participation in the instructional programs at the site.

* If a question about appropriate grade level placement cannot be resolved, refer to the Executive Director of Elementary Education.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q My child will turn five years old on September 3rd and I want him to go to Kindergarten ... can he?

A No, ICIA follows State Ed Code and your child must turn five years old on or before September 1, 2024, to enroll in Kindergarten. Your child is eligible to attend Pre-Kindergarten (Transitional Kindergarten), since his/her fifth birthdate is between September 2nd in 2024 and June 2nd in 2025.

Q My child will turn five years old on August 30th, but I don't want to send him to Kindergarten yet ... can I enroll him in Pre-Kindergarten (Transitional Kindergarten)?

A No, for the 2024-25 school year, Pre-Kindergarten (Transitional Kindergarten) is only for students whose fifth birthdate falls between September 2nd 2024 and June 2nd 2025.

Q We just moved from overseas and my child is age-appropriate for 3rd grade, but he did not finish 2nd grade at our school overseas ... can I enroll my child in 2nd grade?

A We first look at enrolling your child in the grade level for which they are age-appropriate. You are welcome to talk to the principal at your child's school site regarding placement questions you may have.