

First Grade Readiness

Alabama laws (1) requires a child to complete kindergarten or demonstrate first grade readiness before entering the first grade; (2) authorizes local boards of education to admit children under five years of age on September 1 to kindergarten in certain circumstances; (3) authorizes local boards of education to admit a child under six years of age on or before December 31 to first grade if the child demonstrates first grade readiness; (4) requires the State Department of Education to create, and the State Board of Education to approve, an assessment on first grade readiness; and (5) requires the State Department of Education to develop an informational campaign to promote kindergarten.