



## EARLY ADMITTANCE TO KINDERGARTEN

Texas Leadership Public Schools (TLPS) may, in extreme hardship cases, allow a student to be enrolled in Kindergarten who has their 5<sup>th</sup> birthday after September 1 of the current or approaching school year, provided:

- An appeal to enroll, in writing, must be sent to the Superintendent of Schools who has sole discretion as to the approval of early-age enrollment.
- An Affidavit must be signed by the parent(s) or legal guardian stating that the criteria below is met and acceptable.
- The school has not completely filled available seats for the approaching school year on the day before all students are scheduled to begin classes.
- There is no waitlist for eligible students wishing to enroll in Kindergarten for that particular campus.
- The student seeking early-age enrollment must be at least four years of age.
- The student will be administered the district's Kindergarten Assessment alongside those students who meet the mandatory age requirement.
- The student will be assessed within the first five days of the school year using the State of Texas 3<sup>rd</sup> grade assessment for math and reading. (This is for purposes of funding)

The information below is an excerpt from the Texas Education Code. The Texas Education Law is found in Title 19 of the Texas Administrative Code.

**Sec. 42.003** *STUDENT ELIGIBILITY. (a) A student is entitled to the benefits of the Foundation School Program if, on September 1 of the school year, the student:*

*(1) is 5 years of age or older and under 21 years of age and has not graduated from high school, or is at least 21 years of age and under 26 years of age and has been admitted by a school district to complete the requirements for a high school diploma; or*

*(2) is at least 19 years of age and under 26 years of age and is enrolled in an adult high school diploma and industry certification charter school pilot program under Section 29.259.*

*(b) A student to whom Subsection (a) does not apply is entitled to the benefits of the Foundation School Program if the student is enrolled in a prekindergarten class under Section 29.153 or Subchapter E—I, Chapter 29.*

(c) *A child may be enrolled in the first grade if the child is at least six years of age at the beginning of the school year of the district or has been enrolled in the first grade or has completed kindergarten in the public schools in another state before transferring to a public school in this state.*

(d) *Notwithstanding Subsection (a), a student younger than five years of age is entitled to the benefits of the Foundation School Program if:*

*(1) the student performs satisfactorily on the assessment instrument administered under Section 39.023(a) to students in the third grade; and*

*(2) the district has adopted a policy for admitting students younger than five years of age.*

Further questions may be directed to the respective campus principal or director, or the Superintendent's office. Information regarding Texas Leadership administration and school policies can be found at [www.texasleadership.net](http://www.texasleadership.net).



STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF TOM GREEN

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PARENT PRINTED NAME

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PARENT SIGNATURE

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TLCA SUPERINTENDENT/CEO

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