



STUDENT ENROLLMENT AND RECORDS

To: Elementary Principals; Elementary Secretaries

From: Student Enrollment and Records

Date: January 21, 2026

Re: Kindergarten and First Grade Age of Entrance

NRS 392.040 defines compulsory attendance for children between the ages of 6 and 18. Effective July 1, 2023, students must be five years old on or before August 1 to enroll in kindergarten and six years old on or before August 1 to enroll in first grade.

Please see NDE Guidance Below:

Who can enroll in kindergarten in Nevada for the 2026-2027 school year?

- A child who is five years old on or before August 1, 2026.
- A child who is six years old on or before August 1, 2026, but has not completed kindergarten.

Who can enroll in first grade in Nevada for the 2026-2027 school year?

- A child who is six years old on or before August 1, 2026, and has completed kindergarten.
- A child of any age that successfully completed kindergarten in a public school (including private schools) during the 2025-2026 school year.
- A child of any age who becomes a resident of this State after completing kindergarten or beginning first grade in another state in accordance with the laws of that state.

Are there any exemptions to the above enrollment criteria?

- Yes, there are exceptions if a child moved to Nevada from outside of the state because of the military transfer of the parent or legal guardian.