AGE OF ENTRANCE AND ENROLLMENT IDENTITY DOCUMENTATION REQUIREMENTS

I. The following requirements have been established by state statute or by the Clark County School District’s interpretation of state statute:

A. A child must be five on or before September 30 of the school year to be admitted to kindergarten. Kindergarten is a mandatory prerequisite to first grade.

   A child who transfers to a school in Nevada from a school outside Nevada because of the military transfer of his/her parent or legal guardian must be admitted to kindergarten, if the child was enrolled in kindergarten in another state in accordance with the laws of that state, regardless of his/her age.

B. A child must be six years of age by September 30 to be admitted to first grade. If the parent(s) or legal guardian(s) have waived kindergarten attendance in a public school, or state licensed or state exempt private school, or equivalent home schooling approved by the school district, the child must undergo an assessment by the district (administered between May 1 and September 30 for the upcoming school year) to determine whether he or she is developmentally prepared for first grade. If the district determines the child is not prepared, he or she must be admitted to kindergarten. Students enrolled after September 30 will be placed in kindergarten.

   A child who transfers to a school in Nevada from a school outside Nevada because of the military transfer of his/her parent or legal guardian must be admitted to the grade, other than kindergarten, he/she was attending or would be attending had he/she remained a resident of the other state, regardless of age.

C. Children who were five years old on or before September 30 and who are presented for kindergarten registration for the first time after the beginning of the last six weeks of the school year are not to be enrolled.

D. A child shall not be permanently enrolled in any school in the district until the parent or guardian of the child furnishes a birth certificate or other document suitable as proof of the child’s identity and, if applicable, a copy of the child’s records from the school he most recently attended.
If the parent or guardian fails to furnish the identifying document or records required within thirty days after the child is conditionally enrolled, the principal shall notify the local law enforcement agency and request a determination as to whether the child has been reported missing.

If the parent or guardian is living with a friend or relative, the parent or guardian must bring a notarized statement signed by the parent or guardian and the owner/renter of the property indicating that it is their place of residence along with the personal identification (driver’s license, picture identification, government issued photo identification, etc.) of the parent or guardian bearing their name. Failure to provide identification may result in a withdrawal of the child from the school to which the residential affidavit was presented. If the parent or guardian does not have this information, they will be referred to the Homeless Outreach Office. School enrollment using a residential affidavit is not a guarantee of athletic eligibility.

Students enrolling in either kindergarten or first grade as their original entry into school must present a birth certificate or other satisfactory proof of age at the time of registration.

A child must be enrolled under the name as it appears in the identifying document unless a court authorizes enrollment under a different name.

E. Children at their third birthday may enter school for the first time if they are properly identified as eligible for special education services.

F. A child 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 may be admitted to the grade he was attending or would be attending had he remained a resident of the other state, regardless of his age, unless the area associate superintendent of the school district determines that the requirements of this section are being deliberately circumvented.

Legal References: NRS Chapter 388 System of Public Instruction
NRS Chapter 392 Pupils

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