Policy 5111: Admission **Status:** ADOPTED

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The Governing Board encourages the enrollment and appropriate placement of all children who are eligible for enrollment in school. The Superintendent or designee shall inform parents/guardians of children seeking admission to a district school about admission requirements and shall assist them with enrollment procedures.

The Superintendent or designee shall announce and publicize the timeline and process for registration of students at district schools. Applications for intradistrict or interdistrict enrollment shall be subject to the timelines specified in applicable Board policies and administrative regulations.

All appropriate staff shall receive training on district admission policies and procedures, including information regarding the types of documentation that can and cannot be requested.

Verification of Admission Eligibility

Before enrolling any child in a district school, the Superintendent or designee shall verify the child's age, residence within the district, immunization, and other applicable eligibility criteria specified in law, the accompanying administrative regulation, or other applicable Board policy or administrative regulation.

The district shall not inquire into or request documentation of a student's social security number or the last four digits of the social security number or the citizenship or immigration status of the student or the student's family members. (Education Code 234.7, 49076.7)

However, such information may be collected when required by state or federal law or to comply with requirements for special state or federal programs. In any such situation, the information shall be collected separately from the school enrollment process and the Superintendent or designee shall explain the limited purpose for which the information is collected. Enrollment in a district school shall not be denied on the basis of any such information of the student or the student's parents/guardians obtained by the district, or the student's or parent/guardian's refusal to provide such information to the district.

School registration information shall list all possible means of documenting a child's age for entry into grades K-1 as authorized by Education Code 48002 or otherwise prescribed by the Board. Any alternative document allowed by the district shall be one that all persons can obtain regardless of immigration status, citizenship status, or national origin and shall not reveal information related to citizenship or immigrant status.

The Superintendent or designee shall immediately enroll a homeless student, foster youth, student who has had contact with the juvenile justice system, or a child of a military family regardless of outstanding fees or fines owed to the student's last school, lack of clothing normally required by the school, such as school uniforms, or an inability to produce previous academic, medical, or other records normally required for enrollment. (Education Code 48645.5, 48850, 48852.7, 48853.5,

49701; 42 USC 11432)

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17 CCR 6000-6075	School attendance immunization requirements
5 CCR 200	Promotion from kindergarten to first grade
5 CCR 201	Admission to high school
Civ. Code 51	Unruh Civil Rights Act
Code of Civil Procedure 1002.7	Provision in enrollment agreement waiving legal rights, remedy, forum, proceeding or procedure; criminal sexual assault or sexual battery
Ed. Code 234.7	Student protections relating to immigration and citizenship status
Ed. Code 46300	Computation of average daily attendance; inclusion of kindergarten and transitional kindergarten
Ed. Code 46600	Agreements for admission of students desiring interdistrict attendance
Ed. Code 48000	Minimum age of admission (kindergarten)
Ed. Code 48002	Evidence of minimum age required to enter kindergarten or first grade
Ed. Code 48010	Minimum age of admission to first grade
Ed. Code 48011	Admission from kindergarten or other school; minimum age
Ed. Code 48050-48054	Nonresidents
Ed. Code 48200	Children between ages of 6 and 18 years (compulsory full-time education)
Ed. Code 48350-48361	Open Enrollment Act
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Ed. Code 48850-48859	Education of foster youth and homeless students
Ed. Code 49076	Access to records by persons without written consent or under judicial order
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Ed. Code 49408	Student emergency information
Ed. Code 49700-49703	Education of children of military families
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5111.1	District Residency
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5112.1	Exemptions From Attendance
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5116.1	Intradistrict Open Enrollment
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5117	Interdistrict Attendance
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5119	Students Expelled From Other Districts

5123	Promotion/Acceleration/Retention
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5125	Student Records
5125	Student Records
5141.3	Health Examinations
5141.3	Health Examinations
5141.31	Immunizations
5141.31	Immunizations
5141.32	Health Screening For School Entry
5142.1	Identification And Reporting Of Missing Children
5145.12	Search And Seizure
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5145.13	Response To Immigration Enforcement
5145.13	Response To Immigration Enforcement
5145.3	Nondiscrimination/Harassment
5145.3	Nondiscrimination/Harassment
5145.6	Parent/Guardian Notifications
5145.6-E(1)	Parent/Guardian Notifications
5148.3	Preschool/Early Childhood Education
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6146.3	Reciprocity Of Academic Credit
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6170.1	Transitional Kindergarten
6173	Education For Homeless Children
6173	Education For Homeless Children
6173-E(1)	Education For Homeless Children
6173-E(2)	Education For Homeless Children
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6173.2	Education Of Children Of Military Families
6173.2	Education Of Children Of Military Families
6173.3	Education For Juvenile Court School Students

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Age of Admittance to Transitional Kindergarten, Kindergarten and First Grade

At the beginning of each school year, the Superintendent or designee shall enroll any eligible child whose fifth or sixth birthday is on or before September 1 of that year into kindergarten or first grade, as applicable. (Education Code 48000, 48010)

Admission into transitional kindergarten shall be in accordance with law and as specified in BP 6170.1 - Transitional Kindergarten. (Education Code 48000)

On a case-by-case basis, and with the approval of the child's parent/guardian, a child who will turn five years old in a given school year may be enrolled in kindergarten at any time during that school year provided that: (Education Code 48000)

1. The Governing Board determines that admittance is in the best interest of the child.

2. The parent/guardian is given information regarding the advantages and disadvantages and any other explanatory information about the effect of this early admittance.

The Superintendent or designee shall make a recommendation to the Board regarding whether a child should be granted early entry to kindergarten, as appropriate. In doing so, the Superintendent or designee shall consider various factors including the availability of classroom space and any negotiated maximum class size.

Documentation of Age/Grade

Prior to the admission of a child to kindergarten or first grade, the parent/guardian shall present proof of the child's age. (Education Code 48002)

Evidence of the child's age may include: (Education Code 48002)

1. A certified copy of a birth certificate or a statement by the local registrar or county recorder certifying the date of birth

2. A duly attested baptism certificate

3. A passport

4. When none of the above documents is obtainable, an affidavit of the parent/guardian

5. Other means prescribed by the Board

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