



**GRADE LEVEL PLACEMENT CRITERIA**  
2024-2025

**MINIMUM AGE FOR ADMITTANCE TO KINDERGARTEN AND FIRST GRADE**

In California, a child shall be admitted to a school district's kindergarten program at the beginning of a school year, or later in the same year if the child will have his or her fifth birthday on or before September 1 (EC48000[a]). This applies to kindergarten programs only. A child is eligible for Transitional Kindergarten (TK)\* if the child will have his or her fifth birthday between September 2 and June 2. For first grade enrollment, California law requires a child to be six years old on or before September 1 (EC Section 48010). School is mandatory for six-year-old students; parents and guardians must enroll their children in school once they reach the age of six (EC Section 48200).

| BIRTHDATE CRITERIA | GRADE LEVEL                    |
|--------------------|--------------------------------|
| Born after 6/2/20  | Not eligible for enrollment    |
| 9/2/19-6/2/20      | Transitional Kindergarten (TK) |
| 9/2/18-9/1/19      | Kindergarten (K)               |
| 9/2/17-9/1/18      | 1                              |
| 9/2/16-9/1/17      | 2                              |
| 9/2/15-9/1/16      | 3                              |
| 9/2/14-9/1/15      | 4                              |
| 9/2/13-9/1/14      | 5                              |
| 9/2/12-9/1/13      | 6                              |
| 9/2/11-9/1/12      | 7                              |
| 9/2/10-9/1/11      | 8                              |
| 9/2/09-9/1/10      | 9                              |
| 9/2/08-9/1/09      | 10                             |
| 12/3/07-9/1/08     | 11                             |
| 12/3/06-12/2/07    | 12                             |

\*Transitional Kindergarten (TK) is the first year of a two-year kindergarten program that uses a modified kindergarten curriculum that is age and developmentally appropriate. Enrollment for TK is the same as for Kindergarten. Please visit your school of residence to enroll your child in the program.