

## Kindergarten Admission



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**External References**

- Education Act: Sections 2, 85, 87, 141, 142, 145, 156, 169, 171, 173, 175
- Education Regulations: Section 20

**Internal References**

- AP 300 Admission of Students

**Background**

As new students, it can be beneficial for kindergarten students to be gradually introduced to their peers and the school environment. Children who are five (5) years of age as of December 31 of the school year may be admitted to kindergarten.

Kindergarten schedules will be established to reflect the specific needs of each school.

**Procedures**

1. Kindergarten registration will occur in the spring of the school year as established by the Principal and appropriate school staff. Registration will take place prior to May 1 each year to allow for school bus scheduling.
2. Kindergarten Orientation
  - 2.1 Kindergarten attendance at the beginning of the school year may take the form of small groups attending in time designated sessions to allow students to gradually settle in the classroom.
  - 2.2 For schools where kindergarten is part of a split grade combination, kindergarten students will start on the third day of the new school year, which will provide the teacher with two days to settle the non-kindergarten students in the split grade setting.
  - 2.3 Parents may accompany their children to the orientation sessions.
  - 2.4 For schools where kindergarten is a stand-alone grade, kindergarten shall begin the first day of the new school year.
3. Kindergarten Schedules
  - 3.1 Kindergarten attendance days are half-time in accordance with Division school year calendar student days.
  - 3.2 In schools with rural transportation requirements, kindergarten will be full days, every second day. The kindergarten teacher will provide a monthly calendar to parents and the pattern of every other day will be followed unless there are extenuating circumstances and prior consultation with the Principal has occurred.
  - 3.3 Colony kindergarten students who do not follow the regular Division year will begin school on the first student day in April of each school year on a half-time basis, either all morning or all afternoon, each school day.