

## Students

### Admission

The Governing Board encourages the enrollment and appropriate placement of all school-aged children in school. The Superintendent, or designee, shall inform parents/guardians of children seeking admission to a District school at any grade level 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 student at District schools. Applications for intradistrict or interdistrict enrollment shall be subject to timelines specified in applicable Board policies and administrative regulations.

- (cf. 1112 - Media Relations)
- (cf. 1113 - District and School Web Sites)
- (cf. 1114 - District-Sponsored Social Media)
- (cf. 5116.1 - Intradistrict Open Enrollment)
- (cf. 5117 - Interdistrict Attendance)
- (cf. 5118 - Open Enrollment Act Transfers)

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, residency, immunization, and other applicable eligibility criteria specified in law, the accompanying administrative regulation, or other applicable Board policy or administrative regulations.

- (cf. 5111.1 - District Residency)
- (cf. 5125 - Student Records)
- (cf. 5141.3 - Health Examinations)
- (cf. 5141.31 - Immunizations)
- (cf. 5141.32 - Health Screening for School Entry)

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 his/her family members. (Education Code 234.7, 49076.7)

- (cf. 0410 - Nondiscrimination in District Programs and Activities)
- (cf. 5145.13 - Response to Immigration Enforcement)
- (cf. 5145.3 - Nondiscrimination/Harassment)

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.

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Enrollment in a District school shall not be denied on the basis of any such information of the student or his/her 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 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 for his/her 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)

(cf. 6173 - Education for Homeless Children)

(cf. 6173.1 - Education for Foster Youth)

(cf. 6173.2 - Education of Children of Military Families)

(cf. 6173.3 - Education for Juvenile Court School Students)

The District's enrollment application shall include information about the health care options and enrollment assistance available to families within the District. The District shall not discriminate against any child for not having health care coverage and shall not use any information relating to a child's health care coverage or his/her interest in learning about health care coverage in any manner that would harm the child or his/her family. (Education Code 49452.9)

## Legal Reference:

**EDUCATION CODE**

234.7 Student protections relating to immigration and citizenship status

46300 Computation of average daily attendance, inclusion of kindergarten and transitional kindergarten

46600 Agreements for admission of students desiring Inter-district attendance

48000 Minimum age of admission (kindergarten)

48002 Evidence of minimum age required to enter kindergarten or first grade

48010 Minimum age of admission (first grade)

48011 Admission from kindergarten or other school; minimum age

48050-48053 Nonresidents

48200 Children between ages of 6 and 18 years (compulsory full-time education)

48350-48361 Open Enrollment Act

48645.5 Enrollment of former juvenile court school students

48850-48859 Educational placement of foster youth

49076 Access to records by persons without written consent or under judicial order

49076.7 Student records; data privacy; social security numbers

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49408 Information of use in emergencies

49452.9 Health care coverage options and enrollment assistance

49700-49703 Education of children of military families

**HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE**

120325-120380 Education and child care facility immunization requirements

121475-121520 Tuberculosis tests for students

**CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5**

200 Promotion from kindergarten to first grade

201 Admission to high school

**CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 17**

6000-6075 School attendance immunization requirements

**UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 5**

552a Note Refusal to disclose social security number

**UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 42**

11431-11435 McKinney Homeless Assistance Act

**COURT DECISIONS**

Plyler v. Doe, 457 U.S. 202 (1982)

Management Resources:

**CSBA PUBLICATIONS**

Legal Guidance on Providing All Children Equal Access to Education, Regardless of Immigration Status, February 2017

**CALIFORNIA OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL PUBLICATIONS**

Promoting a Safe and Secure Learning Environment for All: Guidance and Model Policies to Assist

California's K-12 Schools in Responding to Immigration Issues, April 2018

**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE CIVIL RIGHTS DIVISION AND U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION OFFICE FOR CIVIL RIGHTS JOINT PUBLICATIONS**

Dear Colleague Letter: School Enrollment Procedures, May 8, 2014

Fact Sheet: Information on the Rights of All Children to Enroll in School, May 8, 2014

Information on the Rights of All Children to Enroll in School: Questions and Answers for States, School Districts and Parents, May 8, 2014

**WEB SITES**

CSBA: <http://www.csba.org>

California Department of Education, Health Care Coverage and Enrollment

Assistance: <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/he/hc>

California Office of the Attorney General: <http://oag.ca.gov>

U.S. Department of Education, Office for Civil Rights: <http://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr>

U.S. Department of Justice: <http://www.justice.gov>

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NORRIS SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Bakersfield, California

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Age of Admittance to Kindergarten and First Grade

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

Any child who will have his/her fifth birthday from September 2 through December 2 of the school year shall be offered a Transitional Kindergarten (TK) program in accordance with the law and Board policy. (Education Code 48000)

(cf. 5123 - Promotion/Acceleration/Retention)

(cf. 6170.1 - Transitional Kindergarten)

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)

It is the intent of the Norris Board that children who turn 5 (five) after December 2<sup>nd</sup> not be admitted to Norris Kindergarten or Transitional Kindergarten classes. The Norris Board encourages students to remain with age appropriate cohorts.

- a. Exceptions to the minimum age of admission may be appealed to the Governing Board. (Ed Code 48000(b))
- b. The Boards decision on an appeal will be based upon the Boards determination that such admission is in the best interests of the child. (Ed Code 48000(b))

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

When none of the foregoing is obtainable, the parent/guardian may provide any other appropriate means of proving the age of the child. (Education Code 48002)

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