

POLICY

Board of Education Las Cruces Public Schools

Related Entries: JFA, JFAB, JFAB-RB, JHD-RA
Responsible Office: Chief Academic Officer

Age of Enrollment

I. PURPOSE

The Board of Education is committed to ensuring all schools in Las Cruces Public Schools comply with the state laws governing the age of enrollment for students.

II. GUIDELINES


- A. Pre-kindergarten: Children receiving special education services pursuant to state regulations, may be admitted to a pre-kindergarten program in the public schools, and must be at least three years of age at any time during the school year in which they enroll.
- B. Kindergarten: Children admitted to the kindergarten program in the public schools must be at least five years old prior to 12:01 a.m. on September 1 of the year of enrollment;
- C. First Grade: Children admitted to a first grade program in the public schools must be at least six years old prior to 12:01 a.m. on September 1 of the year of enrollment, or
 - 1. beginning with the 2006-07 school-year, children that will be six years of age after 12:00 a.m. on September 1 of the year of enrollment, may enroll in first grade if one of the following criteria is met:
 - a. successful completion of a year of accredited public or private kindergarten; or
 - b. transfer from an accredited public or private school first grade program.

III. REVIEW

This policy shall be reviewed in accordance with the Board of Education policy review process.

History: Formerly Policy 301
Legal Ref: 22-8-2, NMSA (1978)

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Approved, Board of Education President

October 4, 2005

Date