

## **ENROLLING KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS**

## Procedure for 2023-2024 School Year Only Student Accounting

1. Assembly Bill 65 from the 2023 Legislative Session changed NRS 392.040 for Kindergarten enrollment from five by the first day of school to five by August 1.

NRS 392.040 section 1, subsection 2 states, "If a child is not 5 years of age on or before (the first day) August 1 of the school year, or if August 1 does not occur during the school year, on or before August 1 preceding the school year, the child must not be admitted to Kindergarten." In addition, section 1, subsection 3 states, "If a child is not 6 years of age on or before (the first day) August 1 of the school year, or if August 1 does not occur during the school year, on or before August 1 preceding the school year the child must not be admitted to the first grade until the beginning of the school year following the child's sixth birthday."

- 2. Nevada Department of Education Memo dated June 5, 2023, states that any student who enrolled in Pre-Kindergarten who is the age of five on or before the first day of school may still attend Kindergarten.
- 3. Programs providing Pre-Kindergarten would include:
  - a. WCSD Pre-Kindergarten programs
  - b. Home School Pre-Kindergarten (no registration in for home-schooling is required)
    - If the student was at home and parents taught letters or numbers or colors or read to the student, that would qualify as a home pre-kindergarten program.
  - c. Private School or Day Care Pre-Kindergarten programs
  - d. Community Based Pre-Kindergarten programs.
- 4. Students who enrolled in a WCSD Pre-Kindergarten program do not need a form.
  - a. The school staff who registers the student will look at the student's enrollment panel to see if the student was enrolled in a WCSD Pre-Kindergarten program in 22-23.
  - b. If the student enrolled in a WCSD Pre-Kindergarten program in 22-23 and the student is five years of age on or before the first day of school, the student may enroll in Kindergarten.
- 5. Students who enrolled in a Home School Pre-Kindergarten (no registration in home- schooling is required) or a Private School or Day Care Pre-Kindergarten program or a Community Based Pre-Kindergarten program and who are five years of age on or before the first day of school, the student may enroll in Kindergarten if:
  - a. The parent/guardian provided a signed Affidavit of Pre-Kindergarten during the 22-23 School Year.
  - b. The document is archived in OnBase in the Affidavit of Pre-Kindergarten file.

- 6. In all instances students who did not enroll in a WCSD Pre-Kindergarten program in 22-23 and who do have an Affidavit of Enrollment in Pre-Kindergarten for the 22-23 School Year must be five years of age on or before the first day of school to enroll in Kindergarten.
- 7. Students who did not enroll in a WCSD Pre-Kindergarten program in 22-23 or who do not have an Affidavit of Enrollment in Pre-Kindergarten for the 22-23 School Year signed by the parent/guardian must be five years old by August 1, 2023 to enroll in Kindergarten.
- 8. Please direct all questions to Christina Marquez <a href="marquez@washoeschools.net">cmarquez@washoeschools.net</a>.