

## FAQ's for kindergarten entry requirements

### **How old does my child have to be to enter kindergarten?**

For the 2023-24 school year, incoming kindergarten students need to be five years of age **on or before** Monday, August 14, 2023, for Balanced and Gerlach calendar schools. For Incline calendar schools, students must be five years on or before Monday, August 21, 2023.

*The Nevada Legislature is considering changes to the kindergarten entry date for their upcoming legislative session starting on Feb 6, 2023 [Assembly Bill 65](#), and any changes won't be available for a few months. Changes will be posted on this website and shared with families.*

### **Does this new rule apply to all schools, including charter and private schools?**

Yes, all students in the state follow the entry date requirements set by the Nevada Department of Education. The amendment from the 2021 legislative session to NRS 392.040 requires students entering kindergarten to be five years of age on or before the first date of a school year.

### **If my child turns five after the start of the school year, can they be admitted into kindergarten?**

Unfortunately, NRS 392.040 states that for a student to start kindergarten, they need to be five on or before the start of the school they attend for the school year. Therefore, students who turn five after the start date on the balanced calendar, capital projects, or Incline calendar will have to wait until the following year to attend kindergarten.

### **My child is ready for kindergarten but won't be five until after the start of the school year. Can they take a readiness test to be admitted?**

Admission to kindergarten is based on the student's age by the start of the school year. All incoming kindergarten students take a readiness assessment, but that is not a form of admission.

### **Suppose my family moves to the Reno-Sparks area after the start of the school year. Can my child be admitted into kindergarten?**

If your child is five on the date that the new school starts, your child will be admitted to kindergarten.

### **I'm worried that my child will not thrive in kindergarten if they wait one more year to start school. What options are available to ensure they are successful when they enter kindergarten?**

Families can consider enrolling their child in a preschool setting such as Head Start or the [early childhood education program WCSD](#) offers. Children's Cabinet has a listing of [childcare providers](#) and [financial assistance](#),

Families can also prepare their children for kindergarten using the resources available such as the [I'm Ready for K!](#) booklet with the Nevada Pre-K standards and things that families can do at home.