

FOUNTAIN VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT



GRADE LEVEL PLACEMENT CRITERIA

Minimum age requirement for Kindergarten

As a result of legislation passed in September 2010, children are admitted into a Kindergarten program at the beginning of the school year, or whenever they move into the district, if their **5th birthday is on or before September 1.**

Birthday	2016/17 Grade Level	2017/18 Grade Level
09/02/12 – 12/02/12	Not Eligible for Enrollment	Transitional Kindergarten
09/02/11 – 12/02/11 09/02/11 – 09/01/12	Transitional Kindergarten	Kindergarten
09/02/10 – 09/01/11	Kindergarten	1
09/02/09 – 09/01/10	1	2
10/02/08 – 09/01/09	2	3
11/02/07 – 10/01/08	3	4
12/03/06 – 11/01/07	4	5
12/03/05 – 12/02/06	5	6
12/03/04 – 12/02/05	6	7
12/03/03 – 12/02/04	7	8
12/03/02 – 12/02/03	8	9 (not offered in FVSD)

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GRADE LEVEL PLACEMENT CRITERIA FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- Q My child will turn five years old on September 2 and I want him to go to Kindergarten... can he?**
- A No, Fountain Valley School District follows State Education Code and your child must turn five years old on or before September 1 to enroll in Kindergarten. Your child is eligible to attend Transitional Kindergarten, since his/her fifth birthday is between September 2 and December 2.
- Q My child will turn five years old on August 30, but I don't want to send her to Kindergarten yet... can I enroll her in Transitional Kindergarten?**
- A Possibly, children whose birthdays fall between July 1 and September 1 are eligible for Transitional Kindergarten if there is space. Children are placed based on space with a priority for students whose birthdays are closest to September 1.
- Q We just moved from overseas and my child is age-appropriate for 3rd grade, but he did not finish 2nd grade at the prior school... can I enroll my child in 2nd grade?**
- A Most of the time we place children in the grade level for which they are age-appropriate. You are welcome to talk to the principal at your child's school regarding placement questions you may have.
- Q We just moved from out-of-state/overseas and my child is age-appropriate for 6th grade, but she was in 8th grade in our city/country... what grade level will my child be enrolled in?**
- A Most of the time we place children in the grade level for which they are age-appropriate. You are welcome to talk to the principal at your child's school regarding placement questions you may have.