

Downey Unified School District

STUDENTS

ADMISSION: KINDERGARTEN - FIRST GRADE

AR 2130

Kindergarten

1. To be admitted during the first school month a pupil must have reached his/her fifth birthday on or before:

November 1 of the 2012-13 school year
October 1 of the 2013-14 school year
September 1 of the 2014-15 school year and each school year thereafter
2. After the first school month a pupil who has reached his/her fifth birthday on or before the aforementioned dates may be admitted upon the recommendation of the principal and the approval of the Superintendent or designee if
 - a. It appears to be for the welfare of the pupil.
 - b. Facilities permit.
3. When a pupil who is too young to enter school the first term, but is old enough to enter the beginning of the second term, enrolls in kindergarten in a district that maintains two terms, and during that semester moves into the Downey Unified School District, he/she CANNOT be enrolled in kindergarten in the District.

First Grade

1. To be admitted during the first school month a pupil must have reached his/her sixth birthday on or before:

November 1 of the 2012-13 school year
October 1 of the 2013-14 school year
September 1 of the 2014-15 school year and each school year thereafter
2. After the first school month a pupil who has reached his/her sixth birthday on or before the aforementioned dates may be admitted for good cause.

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3. Exception to law for admission to first grade
 - a. A pupil may be admitted to the first grade if he/she has completed one year in a public or private school kindergarten in California or any other state, is at least five years old as of September 1, and is judged by the school administrator to be ready for first grade work.
 - b. At the discretion of the Downey Unified School District, a pupil who has been lawfully admitted to a public or private school kindergarten in California may be admitted to the first grade if the administrator determines that he/she is ready for first grade work. All of the following conditions must be met:
 - (1) The pupil must have attended kindergarten for a time sufficient to enable school personnel to make an evaluation of his/her ability.
 - (2) The pupil's intellectual capacity must be within the upper 5% of his/her age group as determined by an appropriate individual test administered by a credentialed school psychologist.
 - (3) The pupil's physical development and social maturity are consistent with his/her advanced mental ability.
 - (4) The pupil is at least five years of age at the time of placement in first grade and the parent/guardian files a written statement approving placement in first grade.

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