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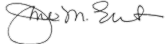


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MEMORANDUM

TO: Nevada School District Superintendents
Nevada State Charter School Authority

FROM: Jhone M. Ebert, Superintendent of Public Instruction 

DATE: May 3, 2024

SUBJECT: Clarification for Kindergarten and First Grade Enrollment for the 2024-2025 School Year

The intent of Assembly Bill 65 (AB65) passed during the 2023 legislative session is to require children to be five years old by August 1 of the school year that the child is entering kindergarten. It is also the intent of AB65 to require children to be six years old by August 1 of the school year that the child is entering first grade, and that the child has completed kindergarten.

The following guidance is to assist local education agencies and State Public Charter School Authority in preparation for enrollment of the 2024-2025 school year.

Who can enroll in kindergarten in Nevada for the 2024-2025 school year?

- A child who is five years old on or before August 1, 2024.
- A child who is six years old on or before August 1, 2024, but has not completed kindergarten.

Who can enroll in first grade in Nevada for the 2024-2025 school year?

- A child who is six years old on or before August 1, 2024, and has completed kindergarten.
- A child of any age that successfully completed kindergarten in a public school (including private schools) during the 2023-2024 school year.
- A child of any age who becomes a resident of this State after completing kindergarten or beginning first grade in another state in accordance with the laws of that state.

Are there any exemptions to the above enrollment criteria?

Yes, there are exceptions if a child moved to Nevada from outside of the state because of the military transfer of the parent or legal guardian.

1. A child who transfers to a school in this State from a school outside of this State because of the military transfer of the parent or legal guardian of the child can enroll in kindergarten if the child was enrolled in kindergarten in another state in accordance with the laws of that state, regardless of the child's age. The transfer can occur at any point in the school year.
2. A child who transfers to a school in Nevada from a school outside of this State because of the military transfer of the parent or legal guardian of the child can enroll in first grade if that was the grade the child would be attending had he or she remained a resident of the other state. The transfer can occur at any point in the school year.

Are there any other exemptions, other than military, to the enrollment criteria?

No, there are no additional exceptions.

The following is a non-exhaustive list of frequently asked questions:

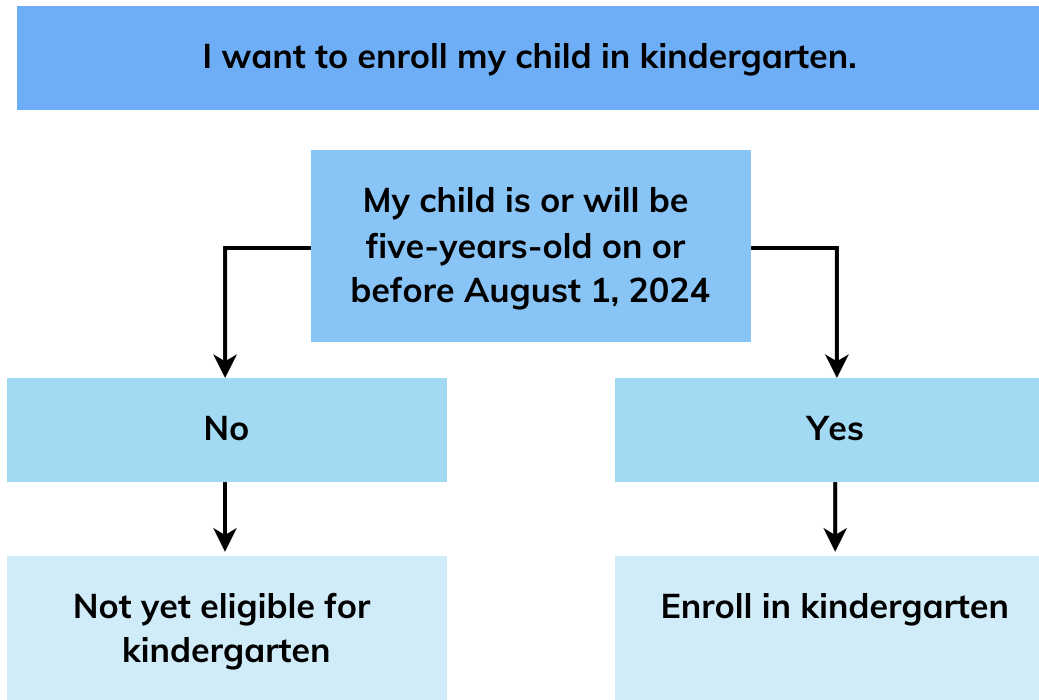
1. Can a child who is not yet five years old on August 1, 2024, and completed pre-kindergarten in the 2023-2024 school year, enroll in kindergarten in the 2024-2025 school year?
- No, the child does not meet the minimum age requirement.
2. Can a child who completed kindergarten via online or homeschool enroll in first grade?
- No, the requirement for the completion of kindergarten is only met through public or private schools.
3. Can a child enrolled in kindergarten in another state that did not turn five years old on or before August 1, 2024, transfer mid-year into kindergarten?
- No, per AB65 the child does not meet the minimum age requirement (unless the child moved because of the military transfer of a parent or guardian – see above military transfer exceptions.)
4. Can a child who is not yet five years old on August 1, 2024, take an assessment which would allow him/her to enroll in kindergarten?
- No.

Please find attached enrollment flow charts (in both English and Spanish) for a visual representation of the information provided above. These charts (along with this memo) can be shared with families for better understanding.

If you have additional questions, please contact Patti Oya, Director, Office of Early Learning and Development at poya@doe.nv.gov.

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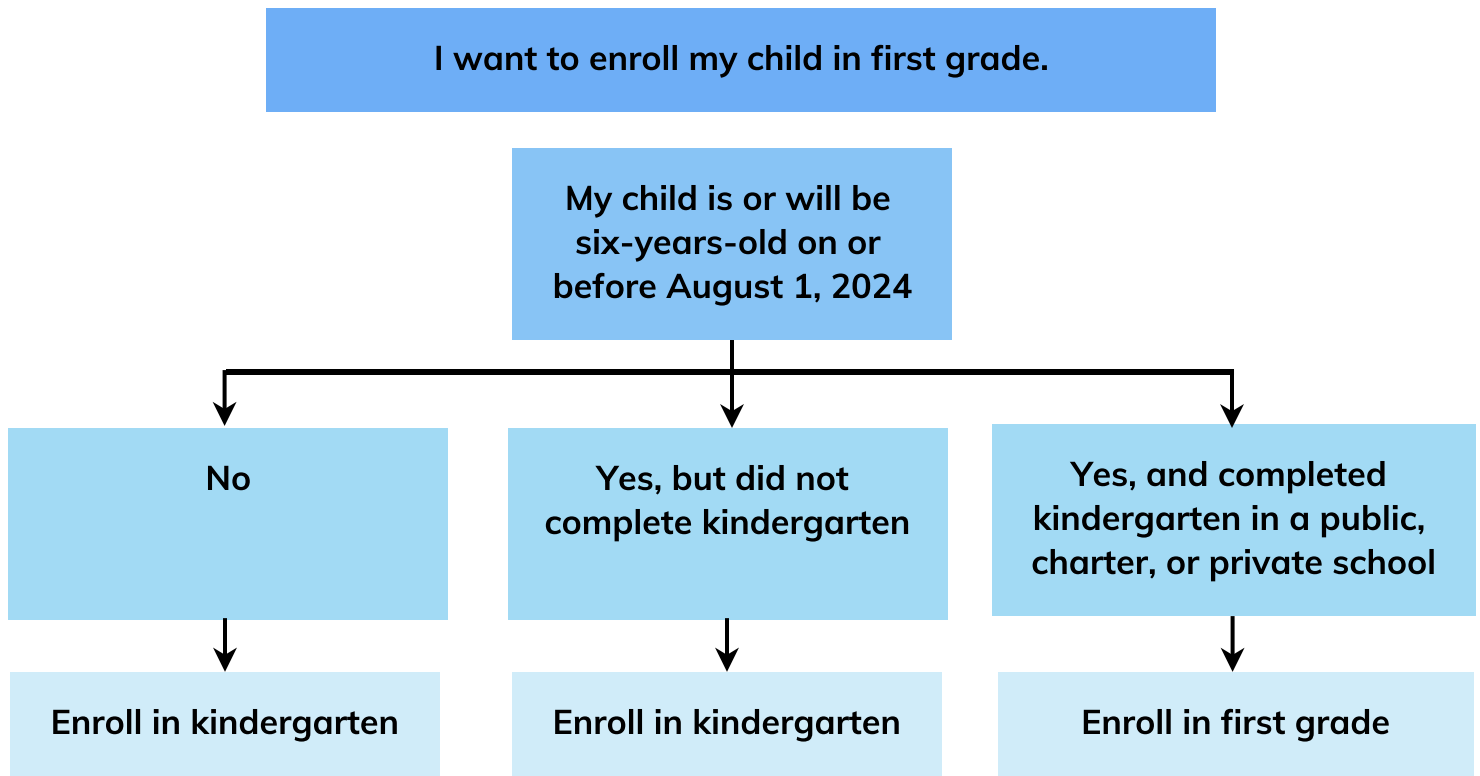
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If my child is not old enough, can they take a test to see if they can enroll early?

Unfortunately, if your child is not old enough, there are no tests they can take to start early.

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Exception for the 2024-2025 School Year Only

A pupil who is enrolled in and successfully completes kindergarten or first grade in a public school during the 2022-2023 or 2023-2024 school years may be promoted to the next grade level regardless of his or her age during the 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 school years, as applicable.

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**We are moving to Nevada.
In what grade should I enroll my child?**

**The highest grade my
child completed in our
previous state was...**

**None. Did not attend or
only partially attended
kindergarten**

Kindergarten

First grade

Enroll in kindergarten

Enroll in first grade

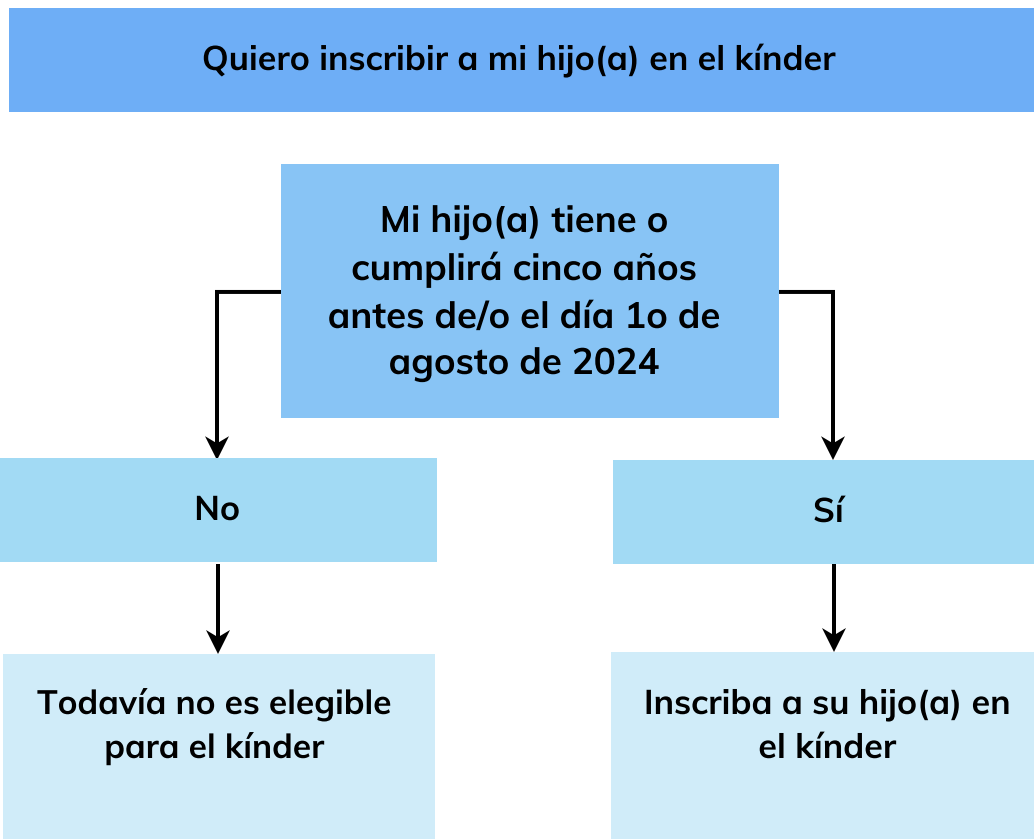
Enroll in second grade

Exceptions for Military Family Transfers

A child who transfers to a school in this State from a school outside this State because of the military transfer of the parent or legal guardian of the child must be admitted to:

- (a) The grade, other than kindergarten, the child was attending or would be attending had he or she remained a resident of the other state, regardless of the child's age.
- (b) Kindergarten, if the child was enrolled in kindergarten in another state in accordance with the laws of that state, regardless of the child's age.

Inscripción de kínder y primer grado para el año escolar 2024-2025



Si mi hijo(a) no tiene la edad suficiente, ¿puede hacer un examen para ver si puede inscribirse temprano?

Desafortunadamente, si su hijo(a) no tiene la edad suficiente, no hay exámenes que pueda tomar para comenzar temprano.

Inscripción de kínder y primer grado para el año escolar 2024-2025

Quiero inscribir a mi hijo en primer grado.

Mi hijo(a) tiene o
cumplirá seis años
antes de/o el día 1o de
agosto de 2024

No

Sí, pero no terminó el
kínder

Sí, y terminó el kínder en
una escuela pública,
chárter o privada

Inscriba a su hijo(a)
en el kínder

Inscriba a su hijo(a)
en el kínder

Inscriba a su hijo(a) en
primer grado

Excepción solo para el año escolar 2024-2025

Un alumno que esté inscrito y termine con éxito el kínder o el primer grado en una escuela pública durante los años escolares 2022-2023 o 2023-2024 puede pasar al siguiente grado, independientemente de su edad, durante los años escolares 2023-2024 y 2024-2025, según corresponda.

Inscripción de kínder y primer grado para el año escolar 2024-2025

Nos mudaremos a Nevada.
¿En qué grado debo inscribir a mi hijo(a)?

El grado más alto que
mi hijo(a) terminó en
nuestro estado previo
de residencia fue

Ninguno. No asistió o solo
asistió parcialmente al
kínder

Kínder

Primer grado

Inscriba en el kínder

Inscriba en primer
grado

Inscriba en segundo
grado

Excepciones para transferencias de familias militares

Un niño(a) que se transfiere a una escuela en este Estado desde una escuela fuera de este Estado debido a la transferencia militar del padre/madre o guardián legal del niño(a) debe ser admitido(a) en: (1) El grado, que no sea kínder, al que asistía o asistiría el niño(a) si hubiera permanecido residente del otro estado, independientemente de la edad del niño(a). (2) Kínder, si el niño(a) fue inscrito en kínder en otro estado de acuerdo con las leyes de ese estado, independientemente de la edad del niño(a).