

# **Kindergarten**

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15.	Can a five year old child be assigned to first grade?	<p>Yes. A student who is five years of age on or before September 1 of the current school year is automatically eligible for the first grade for the full school term (ADA eligibility code 1) if the student has completed public school kindergarten or has been enrolled in the first grade in a public school in another state prior to transferring to a Texas public school. [TEC §42.003, (c)] <b>The term “enrolled” means actually receiving instruction by attendance in a public school rather than just being registered prior to receiving instruction.</b></p> <p>However, <b>any five-year-old child may</b> m.35a76.3-7(ng i)ng39Y</p>	

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18.	What are the room size requirements (minimum square feet) for kindergarten classrooms?	Classrooms for prekindergarten, <b>kindergarten</b> and first grade shall have a minimum of 36 square feet per pupil or 800 square feet per room.	TAC §61.1033, (d), (2), (A), (i) TAC §61.1036, (d), (5), (B), (i)
19.	Are children required to have a rest time in kindergarten?	Policy relating to rest time has always been determined at the local district level.	
20.	How is age calculated for purposes of establishing eligibility?	Age is always calculated as of September 1 of the current school year for the purposes of establishing eligibility. If school starts before the student's birth date, the attendance is eligible for the entire school year as long as the student will be the required age on or before September 1 of the current school year.	SAAH, Section 13, Glossary
21.	What is the distinction between Texas Education Code (TEC), Texas Administrative Code (TAC), and Student Attendance Accounting Handbook (SAAH)?	The Texas Education Code (TEC) contains the statutes governing public education in Texas. The Texas Administrative Code (TAC) includes rules adopted by the State Board of Education or the Commissioner of Education under authority granted by state law. The Student Attendance Accounting Handbook (SAAH) provides districts with the Foundation School Program (FSP) eligibility requirements of all students and the minimum requirements of all student attendance accounting systems.	SAAH, Section 13, Glossary