### Exceptions to Entrance Age for Kindergarten

TUSD Policy JEB *Entrance Age Requirements*, and Arizona law state that a child is eligible for Kindergarten enrollment if the child reaches the age of five before September 1 of the current school year. **A.R.S. 15-821(C).**

The Superintendent or designee has discretionary authority to admit younger children to Kindergarten if it is “determined to be in the best interest of the children.” Because the research shows that early admission to Kindergarten may negatively impact outcomes for students, the burden of proof rests with the parent as to the best interest of the child. Students will go through a screening process to determine eligibility for early entrance into Kindergarten.

Under no circumstance will exceptions be granted if the child will not reach the required age of five by November 30 of the current school year.

### Determining Competency for Entrance to High School

Upon request for admission to high school, a student who has not obtained an eighth-grade certificate of promotion and is under sixteen (16) years of age must show competency in the standards of reading, writing, mathematics, science, and social studies as adopted by the State Board of Education and as determined by a District assessment instrument. The assessment instrument will be based upon the standards adopted by the State Board of Education and TUSD. The instrument will be prepared or selected by, and the result will be verified by, a certificated person chosen by the Superintendent or designee.

### CROSS REF:

- Policy JEB *Entrance Age Requirements*

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