

# Age of Eligibility to Attend School



K.S.A. 72-3118, Chapter 72 – SCHOOLS Article 11 School Attendance, Curriculum and Accreditation

## **72-3118. Age of eligibility for school attendance.**

(a) Subject to the provisions of subsection (b), any child is eligible to attend the elementary grades in the school district in which the child resides or in a school district which has entered into an agreement in accordance with and under authority of K.S.A. 2017 Supp. [72-13,101](#), and amendments thereto, with the school district in which the child resides if (1) for the 1994-95 school year, the child will attain the age of six years on or before September 1 of the school year and (2) for the 1995-96 school year, the child will attain the age of six years on or before September 1 of the school year and (3) for any school year commencing after the 1995-96 school year, the child will attain the age of six years **on or before August 31** of the school year;

(b) any child who has completed a kindergarten course entered and attended in this state in accordance with the provisions of subsection (d) or who was a resident in another state and who, while residing in such other state, had entered and was in attendance in first grade in such state or who had completed in such state a kindergarten course maintained by a public school district or by an accredited private, denominational or parochial

school shall be eligible to attend first grade in this state, regardless of age;

(c) subject to the provisions of subsection (d), any child is eligible to attend kindergarten in the school district in which the child resides or in a school district which has entered into an agreement in accordance with and under authority of K.S.A. 2017 Supp. [72-13,101](#), and amendments thereto, with the school district in which the child resides if (1) for the 1994-95 school year, the child will attain the age of five years on or before September 1 of the school year and (2) for any school year commencing after the 1994-95 school year, the child will attain the age of five years on or before August 31 of the school year;

(d) any child who was a resident in another state and who, while residing in such other state, had entered and was in attendance in kindergarten in such state shall be eligible to attend kindergarten in this state, regardless of age.

**History:** L. 1919, ch. 258, § 1; R.S. 1923, 72-1107; L. 1943, ch. 248, § 39; L. 1965, ch. 405, § 1; L. 1981, ch. 278, § 1; L. 1982, ch. 294, § 1; L. 1984, ch. 261, § 7; L. 1991, ch. 220, § 2; L. 1994, ch. 37, § 1; L. 1994, ch. 318, § 1; July 1. Source or Prior Law: 72-1107

## **Guidelines for Compliance with K.S.A. 72-3118(d)**

- Any student who moves to Kansas and was enrolled in a program equivalent to the Kansas kindergarten program in another state and/or country may enter the kindergarten program in Kansas provided they were five years of age by no later than December 31 in the school year they enrolled.
- Any student who has completed kindergarten in another state/country and moves to Kansas and wishes to enroll in the first grade must be six years of age by no later than December 31 in the school year they enrolled.
- Documentation must be provided that they were legally enrolled and attending in the state/country where they previously resided and that the student was in compliance with the laws of that state/country.

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