



## **Age Requirement Policy for ICSAtlanta**

1. All Georgia resident students shall have attained the age of five (5) on or before September 1 in order to be eligible for admission into the kindergarten program (see Proof of Birth Date section).

2. All Georgia resident students shall have attained the age of six (6) on or before September 1 in order to be eligible for admission into the first year program (see Proof of Birth Date section).

3. Upon verification of out of state residency, students who were legal residents of one or more other states or countries for a period of two years immediately prior to moving to Georgia, were legally enrolled in a public kindergarten or first grade, or a kindergarten or first grade accredited by a state or regional association, or the equivalent thereof, will attain the age of five for kindergarten or six for first grade by December 31 and is otherwise eligible for enrollment under State Board Rule and this Administrative Rule will be eligible for admission.

4. Transferring students who are children in the household of a full-time duty status member of the active uniformed services of the United States, including members of the National Guard and Reserve on active duty orders shall be allowed to enroll at the same grade level from an accredited school regardless of age.

5. Students who have been enrolled in and successfully completed first grade at a public school or a private school accredited by a state agency (i.e., SACS/AdvancEd) will be eligible for enrollment in second grade. Similarly, to enroll in subsequent grades, children must have successfully completed the prior grade at a public school or a private school accredited by a state agency (i.e., SACS/AdvancEd), or be a graduate of the prior grade at any school and fall within the age range typical of students in that grade who initially entered their schooling according to the GA requirement for the age of Kindergarten and First Graders.

6. All students entering ICSAtlanta from a Home Study Program shall be evaluated for placement based on the following criteria:

- (1) State Board of Education policy and school requirements relating to entrance into kindergarten or first grade.
- (2) Chronological age based on a certifiable document.
- (3) Performance on standardized tests and/or instructional placement tests.
- (4) Age, physical size, social and emotional maturity levels of the student.

After reviewing the above criteria the school shall place the student in the appropriate grade level. A review of the placement will be conducted after six weeks to determine final placement.