

CHAPTER 5.00 – STUDENTS

FIRST GRADE ADMISSION

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For admission to first grade, a student shall be six (6) years old on or before December 31st of the school year.* However, an underage child who transfers from the public school first grade of a school in another state may be admitted to first grade upon approval of the Superintendent, and an underage child who has moved into this state having completed or graduated from a mandated public kindergarten program in another state shall be entitled to admission to first grade regardless of age, pursuant to Ala. Code § 16-28-4.

*An opinion of the Attorney General states in effect that under the common law one's age is computed by including the day of birth so that a given age is obtained the day before the birthday anniversary. Therefore, a child whose sixth birthday falls on January 1 is entitled to attend the public elementary schools at the opening of school for that school year. A child whose fifth birthday falls on January 1 is entitled to attend kindergarten.

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