



# Long Valley Charter School

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## Transitional Kindergarten Enrollment

Approved by: Board of Directors

Policy Number: 3008

### ***Education Code***

Ed Code 48000(c) states the age requirement for enrollment in transitional kindergarten is a child is 5 years of age between September 2<sup>nd</sup> and December 2<sup>nd</sup>.

The enactment of AB 104 has amended this section of the education code. This legislation allows for early admission enrollment as long as a student turns 5 years of age prior to the end of the school year.

### ***Regular Admission***

Students who turn 5 years of age by September 1<sup>st</sup> are permitted to enroll in Kindergarten.

Students who turn 5 years of age between September 2<sup>nd</sup>-December 2<sup>nd</sup> are permitted regular admission to transitional kindergarten.

### ***Early Admission***

Long Valley Charter School (LVCS) believes early admission to transitional kindergarten may be appropriate for some students. Students may be considered for early admission to transitional kindergarten if they meet the two requirements as follows: student is 5 years of age and has a birthday after the regular admission cutoff.

For students who turn 5 years of age after December 2<sup>nd</sup>, the following procedures are in place to offer academic opportunities for students who may be ready for entry while at the same time maintaining a rigorous program for the students meeting the state guidelines for regular entry to TK and Kindergarten.

On or about December 2<sup>nd</sup>, the Principal, TK Teacher, and Executive Director will consider the current enrollment in the TK/K grade level and the composition of the students enrolled. A determination will be made of the number of spaces that may be available for early admission TK students. If vacancies are available, the following process is in place:

1. Enrollment will be considered only once a student turns 5 years of age. At the time of filling out the Enrollment Interest Form, the school will follow its Enrollment Process.
2. The parent/guardian is provided with information regarding the advantages and disadvantages about the effect of early admission.
3. The LVCS governing board determines if admittance is in the best interest of the child. The responsibility for evaluation is delegated to the Executive Director who establishes a process for the evaluation. If enrollment is recommended, it is reported to the governing board at the next regular meeting of the board.

### ***Two-Year Program***

Students who complete the transitional kindergarten program shall be eligible to continue to kindergarten the following school year. Parents/guardians of such students shall not be required to submit a signed parental permission form for kindergarten attendance.

A child who is kindergarten eligible may enroll in TK. The parent/guardian must sign the Kindergarten Continuance Form to have the child continue in kindergarten for one additional year at the time of enrollment in TK.

A student shall not attend more than two years in a combination of transitional kindergarten and kindergarten.

***Average Daily Attendance Claims (ADA)***

The education code provides guidance for claims of ADA for entry to Transitional Kindergarten students as follows:

<b>5<sup>th</sup> Birthday</b>	<b>Enrollment date permitted</b>	<b>ADA Claim</b>
By December 2nd	First day of school year or after	From date of enrollment
December 3 <sup>rd</sup> —end of current school year	Beginning on or after date of 5 <sup>th</sup> birthday	Beginning on or after date of 5 <sup>th</sup> birthday