



Kindergarten Entry and Homeschool Students 2021-2022 Update

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Relevant Legislation & Policy

- § 115C-364. Admission Requirements
- § 115C-288. Powers and Duties of Principal
- WCPSS Board Policy 4100 Admission to the Wake County Public School System



Relevant Legislation & Policy

- Students who are age-appropriate for kindergarten but enrolled in a non-public school are eligible to enroll in first grade for the following school year, if the students have met appropriate kindergarten benchmarks.
- Students who are not age-appropriate for kindergarten but who enroll in a non-public kindergarten shall have an entry point of kindergarten when enrolling in WCPSS. If it is requested that the student be placed in first grade, then the principal shall follow the policy for Whole Grade Advancement (WGA). WGA is a process only available to enrolled and attending WCPSS students.



Plans for 2021-2022 School Year

- *For 2021-22 only*, students who are age-appropriate for kindergarten in 2020-21 and who are currently being homeschooled in kindergarten may enroll in first grade at the request of the parent without requesting Whole Grade Advancement.
- The principal and family may adjust grade placement as needed, based on data and observations.



Plans for 2021-2022 School Year

- Students who are age-appropriate for kindergarten and who are not currently participating in a kindergarten experience will enroll in kindergarten as their point of entry for 2021-22.
- Parents/guardians wishing to enroll their student directly into first grade will need to request Whole Grade Advancement.

Dialogue and Questions