



Exceptional Student Services (ESS) / Data Management

AGE VALIDATIONS FOR FUNDING PURPOSES

Grade/Age	Age Validation	Stipulations
PS – entry*	Must be within 90 days of their 3 rd birthday (ARS § 15-771 G). NOTE: <i>Federal SPED Child Count: student will only be included in the annual federal SPED child count if they have reached the age of 3 by the child count date (34 CFR §300.701).</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Membership (ADM): Must have an active SPED program participation with one or more of DD, HI, PSD, and VI at some point during the school year. • Membership (ADM): Student can be enrolled prior to 90 days before their 3rd birthday, but will not generate ADM funding until they are within 90 days of their 3rd birthday. • SPED: Can only be entered in a SPED program when the student reaches this age.
PS – exit*	Must be less than 5 years old before September 1 st (ARS § 15-821 C/ARS § 15-771 G).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cannot be in PS if turns 5 years old before September 1st.
KG	Must be 5 years old before September 1 st or by January 1 st with governing board approval (ARS § 15-821 C).	
UE	Must be 5 years old but less than 6 by September 1 st (ARS § 15-901 A 2 b i).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If student is KG age, they must have a Group B SPED service for each day of UE membership (A, EDP, HI, MD, MDSSI, MOID, OI, PSD, SID and VI).
1st through 12th Grade	Must be 6 years old by January 1 st ; ADM funding stops the day student turns 22 years old (ARS § 15-821).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SPED students who reach 22 years of age can continue to receive SPED services and be enrolled until the end of the school year (ARS § 15-764 A 1).

*Charter schools cannot claim ADM or SPED for PS students

*Preschool students are not eligible for participation in Language programs

**by' includes the designated date (i.e., by January 1st includes January 1st)