

Kindergarten Policy – Revised December 2013

Conference Participation with Kindergarten Programs (Effective July 1, 1991)

- A. When a new kindergarten is formed, the teacher must be eligible to receive a conditional certificate and be willing to take at least nine (9) quarter hours per school year toward the requirements for a SDA Teaching Certificate, if a current certificate is not already held.
- B. Prior to issuing a contract to a Kindergarten teacher before the beginning of the school year, the school requesting the Conference to issue such a contract must agree in writing that should the Kindergarten teacher be terminated for lack of enrollment the school will be responsible for sharing on a 50/50 basis with the Northern California Conference any advance salary paid to the teacher. (Voted by NCC Board of Education on September 26, 1996)
- C. The adopted North American Division Kindergarten Program is to be used.

Kindergarten Students and Multi-grade Combination Classrooms

- A. Kindergarten may be combined with other primary grades in a small school. A small school can include Kindergarten with their elementary grades only if there are no more than ~~two~~ three grades and the number of students is within the limits of the Pacific Union Education Code C17-132.
- B. Any variation to the above combinations requires written approval from the Office of Education before implementation of the program.
- C. The preferred kindergarten configuration is a self-contained class with not less than 10 and not more than 20 students.

Age Requirement

Schools must stay with the age requirement of 5.0 on or before September 1. Exceptions may be made with written approval from the Office of Education when there are assessment results that determine the student to be developmentally 5.0 on or before September 1.

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