

## **Kindergarten Policy**

### **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 one or two teacher schools. A one-teacher or two-teacher school can include Kindergarten with their elementary grades only if there are no more than two 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 Requirements**

The age requirement is outlined in the Pacific Union Education Code.