Kindergarten Continuance Agreement Guidelines

The Kindergarten Continuance Parental Agreement form is pre-approved by the California Department of Education for use by school districts in compliance with the requirements of Education Code Section 46300(g).

Signed forms for all retained children must be kept on file for three years as part of the school district's "audit trail" for state apportionments (California Code of Regulations, Title 5, Sections 16025 & 16026).

Note that the California Department of Education recommends against obtaining consent to retain until near the anniversary date of the pupil's kindergarten admittance and that permission obtained unreasonably far in advance could be found invalid.

Form Definitions

Kindergarten Attendance Anniversary Date: One year from the date that the student first began Kindergarten. For example, if the student started on the first day of this school year, August 31, 2023, the anniversary date will be the anticipated first day of next school year, August 19, 2024. If the student's first day of school is January 8, 2024, the anniversary date will be January 8, 2025.

"I agree to having my child…continue in kindergarten until: / / ": This date will not be more than one year from the anniversary date above. For example, if the student's anniversary date is August 19, 2024, the continuance date can be the last day of school in June 2025, or any other date through August 19, 2024.

Parent/Guardian Signature Date: The form must be signed prior to the Kindergarten Attendance Anniversary Date, but not too far in advance of the anniversary date. For example, if the student's anniversary date is August 19, 2024, it would be reasonable for the form to be signed in June 2024, prior to the end of the school year.

Referenced Education Code Sections

Section 46300: (g) (1) In computing the average daily attendance of a school district, there shall be included the attendance of pupils in kindergarten after they have completed one school year in kindergarten or pupils in a transitional kindergarten program after they have completed one year in that program if one of the following conditions is met:
(A) The school district has on file for each of those pupils an agreement made pursuant to Section 48011, approved in form and content by the department and signed by the pupil's parent or guardian, that the pupil may continue in kindergarten for not more than one additional school year.
(B) The pupils participated in a transitional kindergarten program pursuant to subdivision (c) of Section 48000.
(2) A school district may not include for apportionment purposes the attendance of any pupil for more than two years in kindergarten or for more than two years in a combination of transitional kindergarten and kindergarten.

Section 48000: (..47 0 TDAp.9(ergar)rgar0(..47 the school district at the beginning of a school year, or at any later time in the same year, if the child will have his or her fifth birthday on or before one of the following dates:
(1) December 2 of the 2011–12 school year.
(2) November 1 of the 2012–13 school year.
(3) October 1 of the 2013–14 school year.
(4) September 1 of the 2014–15 school year and each school year thereafter.