

Grade Placement Guide

Age in Years	Grade Level
5-6yrs.*	Kindergarten
6-7yrs.	1 st
7-8yrs.	2 nd
8-9yrs.	3 rd
9-10yrs.	4 th
10-11yrs.	5 th
11-12yrs.	6 th
12-13yrs.	7 th
13-14yrs.	8 th
14-21yrs.**	9 th - 12 th (based on credits)

The school or district will determine the most appropriate placement for students, while adhering to legal requirements and considering parent input. Grade level is not determined by English proficiency.

**Ohio law states that a child may begin kindergarten if the child will have turned 5 by September 30 of their first school year, and that a child must be in school by age 6.*

***Transcripts from previous school, formal education experience and other individual factors will inform the appropriate placement of high school students.*

****Ohio law states that persons under age twenty-two who have not completed their high school education are entitled to attend the school or district in which they reside. If students are enrolled in school, they may complete the year in which they transition from age twenty-one to age twenty-two.*

These resources aim to bolster academic, student wellness, and college and career outcomes for Ohio's English learners. Resources were created through a collaborative effort between the Ohio Department of Education and Workforce and The Ohio State University's Center on Education and Training for Employment along with a dedicated group of family advocates, community leaders, school district staff, and teachers.