

Petra Community Age/Grade Guidelines

At Petra Schole, we are more than just a homeschool enrichment program. We are a homeschool community purposely designed to partner with parents in their child's academics. Our Core classes and elective classes build upon one another as the students continue to grow not only in academics, but also in social and emotional maturity and in wisdom and virtue. Keeping in mind very specific goals for each grade/age level, we have set forth the following guidelines to help determine the appropriate class(es) for our students in the community.

Following Colorado's state law for entrance into kindergarten, the child must be 5 on or before October 1st. Though some children appear to be ready for kindergarten sooner than age 5, we at Petra know that there are many determining factors that help decide whether a child is truly ready for formal schooling or not. Academics play a major role, but we want to look at the whole child created by God and wisely place them where they will flourish in all areas (mind, body, soul).

We acknowledge that all children have strengths and weaknesses. They may be off the charts in reading but struggle to make friends. Celebrating their strengths and building up their weaknesses with love and grace is why we seek to place them where they can grow in all areas. We know this growth happens through age-appropriate classroom conversations and discussions with their peers, learning new skills at all levels, enjoying developmentally appropriate activities, managing homework expectations, and enjoying community with similar-aged children.

If after looking at Petra's full academic scope and sequence, the maturity of your child (both socially and emotionally), and any other factors that are important to you as the parent, you still feel that your student should be in a different class either above or below what the following chart shows, please submit in writing a letter to the Board outlining your thoughts and request to have your child placed in a different class. The Board will review your letter and connect with you to determine together the best place for your student. Please send your letter to the Director, and she will pass it on to the Board.

*Note—new students joining Petra in grades 4-6 will be assessed by the elementary mentors to determine the best Language Arts level for them. This assessment is based on grammar skills and writing experience.

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If on 10/1, your child is they will be in:

Under age 4	Childcare	
4 years old	Pre-K	
5 years old	Kindergarten	
6 years old	1st grade	
7 years old	2nd grade	
8 years old	3rd grade	
9 years old	4th grade	First level of Language Arts curriculums
10 years old	5th grade	They will be placed in the appropriate Language Arts level.
11 years old	6th grade	They will be placed in the appropriate Language Arts level. Can also take optional middle school elective classes.
12 years old	7th grade	Can choose optional middle school elective classes.
13 years old	8th grade	Can choose optional middle school elective classes.
14 years old	9th grade	Can choose optional high school elective classes.
15 years old	10th grade	Can choose optional high school elective classes.
16 years old	11th grade	Can choose optional high school elective classes.
17 years old	12th grade	Can choose optional high school elective classes.