

# ERSEA: Age Requirements

Eligibility, Recruitment, Selection, Enrollment, Attendance (ERSEA)



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# Head Start Program Performance Standards

45 CFR Chapter XIII  
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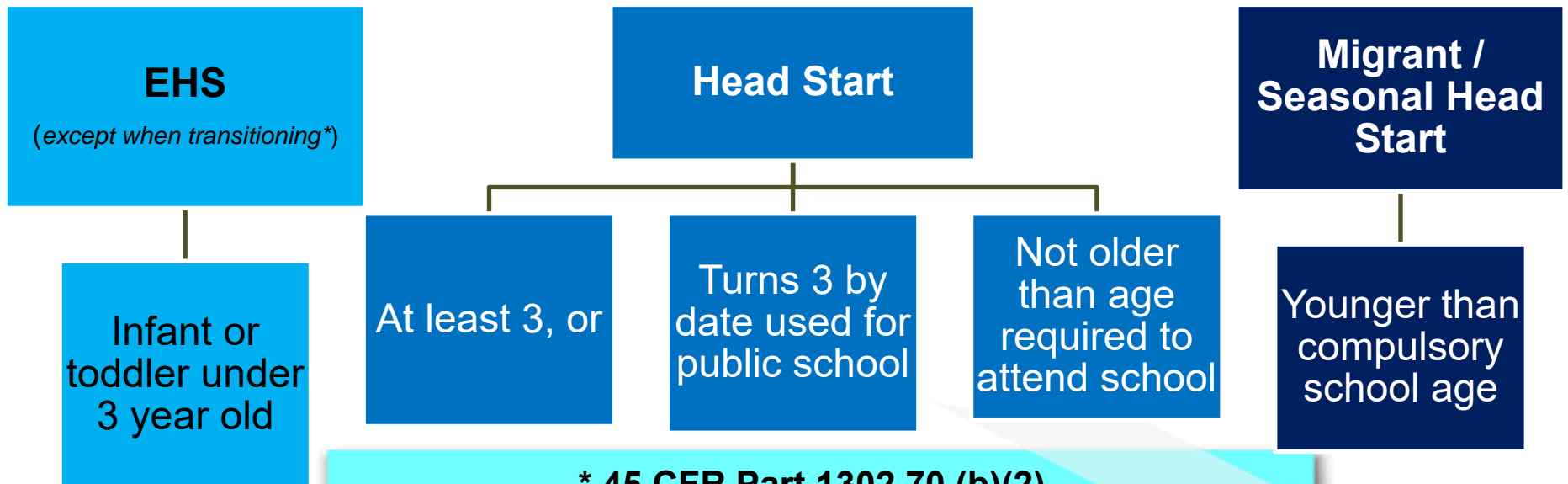


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# 45 CFR 1302 Subpart A – Eligibility

# § 1302.12(b) Age Requirements

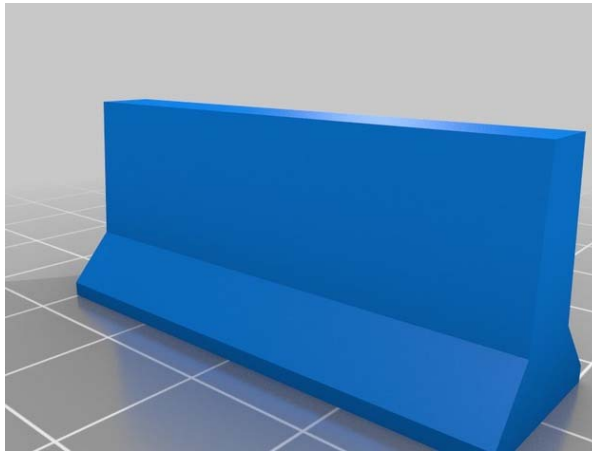


**\* 45 CFR Part 1302.70 (b)(2)**  
Transitions the child into HS or another program as soon as possible after the child's third birthday but permits the child to remain in EHS for a limited number of additional months following the child's third birthday if necessary for an appropriate transition.

# § 1302.12 Determining, Verifying, and Documenting Eligibility

## (h) Verifying age

Verify according to program policies and procedures



A program's policies and procedures cannot require staff to collect documents that confirm a child's age, if doing so creates a barrier for the family to enroll the child



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