Homeschool Connections Age Exception Process 2021-2022

What is an Age Exception?

- Connections classes are listed with a required **AGE** range. Do not confuse this with a grade level.
- Age ranges are set by the instructor. Many considerations are considered, such as content and difficulty of the curriculum, amount of homework, and dynamics of the class as a whole.
- An Age Exception is required if your student's age as of September 1st does NOT fall within the required age range for a particular class.
- Requesting an age exception should not be taken lightly. Please consider your student's educational level, maturity, and social awareness.

If my student is outside of the required age range, what should I do?

- If your student requires an age exception, please contact the instructor. The best way to initiate this contact is via email. The instructor may request meeting you or your student in person. Your student may be asked to share a homework sample or take an assessment test (verbal or written). Please make sure you let the instructor know your student's birthdate, the class you are asking for an exception and if the request is for a student who is older or younger than the age range.
- Email addresses for instructors are listed here: https://connectionsnw.org/about-us/
- If your child is within *one year* of the age range (older or younger), the instructor may grant the exception. If your child is *more than a year* outside of the range, the instructor must request approval from the Board of Directors.
- Please allow ample time for this process.

If the instructor approves my request, what should I do next?

- If the instructor approves the age-exception, the instructor will respond to your original email request. When you are certain you would like to register your student for this class, forward the instructor's approval email to age-except@connectionsnw.org with *your student's name, the instructor name, class name/day, and if it is an older or younger age exception in the subject line*. Please do not forward the email if you are undecided.
- Age Exceptions for students ***older*** than the age range will be processed on the first day of your registration window. Please make your payment in a timely manner.
- Age Exceptions for students ***younger*** than the age range will be processed (your student will be registered for the class) on April 20th. You may forward your approval email at any time before this date. It will be recorded according to the date/time it was received and will be processed in this order. **Payment must be received at the time of registration.**
- If payment is not received, your student will be dropped from the class. If there is a waitlist, your student's spot will be offered to the next person on the waitlist. If you decide you want

to re-register for this class after you've been dropped, you must contact registrar@connectionsnw.org and your student will be placed at the end of the waitlist.

- If you miss the April 20th deadline, you may still forward your approval email to age-except@connectionsnw.org. It will be processed beginning April 27th. If you submit your approved email after April 27th, it will be processed upon receipt.