

## Delhi Nursery / KG / Class I Admission 2025-26 (General Category) — Complete Guide

Delhi's Directorate of Education (DoE) has released the admission schedule and guidelines for **entry-level classes** (Nursery, KG & Class I) in **private unaided recognised schools** for the academic year **2025-26**. Comprehensive summary for parents.

### 1. Applicable Classes & Category

Applies To	Details
Category	General (Open Seat) – not EWS/DG/CWSN
Schools	All <b>private unaided recognised</b> schools in Delhi
Entry-Level Classes	<b>Nursery (Pre-School), KG (Pre-Primary), Class I (Primary)</b>

### 2. Age Criteria for 2025-26 (General Category)

#### Age Criteria Table – 2025-26

Class / Stage	Minimum Age (as on 31 March 2025)	Maximum Age (if applicable)	Notes
Nursery (Pre-School)	3 years	Around 4 years	1-month relaxation possible by Head of School
KG (Pre-Primary)	4 years	Around 5 years	Same relaxation provision
Class I	5 years	Around 6 years	Promotion cases exempt from strict age-check

### 3. Age Criteria (As per NEP-2020 — Effective from 2026-27)

Class / Stage (New Foundational Structure)	Minimum Age	Maximum Age	Notes
Nursery / Balvatika-1	3 years	~4 years	Start of Foundational Stage
KG / Balvatika-2	4 years	~5 years	
KG / Balvatika-3	5 years	~6 years	
Class I	<b>6 years</b>	~7 years	Mandatory from 2026-27

## □ 4. Delhi Admission Timeline 2025–26 (General Category)

Event	Date
Uploading of school criteria & point system	<b>28 November 2025</b>
Start of application forms	<b>4 December 2025</b>
Last date for form submission	<b>27 December 2025</b>
First list (Selected + Waiting List)	<b>23 January 2026</b>
Second list (if required)	<b>9 February 2026</b>
Closure of admission process	<b>19 March 2026</b>

## □ 5. Admission Process & Transparency Rules

Requirement	Description
<b>Point-based admission system</b>	Schools must follow a defined points matrix — commonly distance, sibling, alumni, girl child, staff-ward, etc.
<b>Public uploading of criteria</b>	Must be posted on both school website and DoE portal.
<b>No disallowed criteria</b>	No interviews, no admission tests, no capitation fee, no screening.
<b>Draw of Lots</b>	Mandatory where applications exceed seats; must be <b>video-recorded</b> and conducted in presence of parents.
<b>Registration Fee</b>	Only a nominal fixed fee allowed; no forced purchase of uniforms/books at registration stage.

## □ 6. What Parents Should Prepare

Checklist Item	Notes
Child's age & eligibility	Confirm using minimum age table.
Residence proof	Required for distance-based points.
Birth certificate / age proof	Mandatory for all applicants.
Income certificate	Only for EWS category (not required for general).
Keep track of timelines	Application window: <b>4–27 December 2025</b> .
Understand school's point system	Distance & sibling criteria usually carry highest weightage.

## □ 7. Transitional Notes (Important)

Point	Details
NEP-2020 restructuring	Complete shift to Foundational Stage (Nursery → LKG → UKG → Class I) from <b>2026–27</b> .
Minimum age for Class I	Will become <b>6 years</b> as on 31 March (from 2026–27 onwards).

Point	Details
Age relaxation	Up to <b>1 month</b> (minimum/maximum) may be given by school head.
Students already in system	Children promoted internally are <b>not bound</b> by strict age norms.