
AGE OF ENTRANCE

A student may enter Grade 1 if the student will be at least six years old before September 30 of that year. A student may enter kindergarten if the student will be at least five years old before September 30 of that year. A birth certificate or equivalent must be presented upon registration as proof of the date of birth.

EARLY ADMISSION TO GRADE 1

A child will be considered for early admission if the following conditions are met:

- The child will be at least six years old by October 31 of the year for which admittance is requested to Grade 1 or the child will be at least five years old by October 31 of the year for which admittance is requested to kindergarten. There will be no exceptions for children with birth dates beyond October 31.
- The parent must have completed and returned to the District Office by June 1 an Early Admission Request form and a completed information packet for the child.

For children meeting these conditions, the District will schedule assessments that consider the emotional, social, intellectual, and physical readiness of the student for early admission. The individual evaluation shall be conducted by District personnel at no cost to the parent. Assessments will be scheduled in July and August prior to the school year in question. Early admission will only be permitted for children who demonstrate an accelerated development level in all assessed areas. Parents will be notified within 10 days of the assessment results and the decision of the school assessment team. As with all kindergarten registrants, students granted early admission to kindergarten cannot be guaranteed a space at the neighborhood school.

INCOMING TRANSFER STUDENTS

Incoming transfer students in Grades 2-8, inclusive, will be initially placed in accordance with the data forwarded by the sending District. Such placement is tentative and subject to reassignment by the Superintendent of Schools or his/her designee.

Incoming transfer students in Grade 1 will only be initially admitted to Grade 1 if their chronological age will be six before December 31 of the year of entering school or if previously enrolled in Grade 1 in another community and attending local schools only on a temporary basis (10 months or less). Such placement is tentative and subject to reassignment by the Superintendent.

Legal Reference:

RSA 193:1, Duty of Parent; Compulsory Attendance by Pupil

Legal References Disclaimer: These references are not intended to be considered part of this policy, nor should they be taken as a comprehensive statement of the legal basis for the Board to enact this policy, nor as a complete recitation of related legal authority. Instead, they are provided as additional resources for those interested in the subject matter of the policy.

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