

## **ENTRANCE AGE**

In an attempt to permit children to enter kindergarten or first grade at the time most appropriate for them individually, the School Committee establishes the following policy on entrance age:

A child who attains the age of five (5) on or before August 31 of the school year shall be admitted to Kindergarten after registration and screening and upon presentation to the school department of an official birth certificate, a physician's certificate showing up to date immunizations, and a dental certificate, and proof of residency.

A child who attains the age of five (5) years between September 1 and December 31 of that school year may be granted early admission subject to the following procedures:

1. The parents of a child seeking early admission must submit in writing to the Superintendent of Schools a request stating their case. The request must be received by the Superintendent no later than June 1 of that school year and the following criteria must be met:
  - A. The child must attain the age of five (5) on or before December 31 of the school year.
  - B. If the child attended any formal preschool program, the parents shall provide records and recommendations for early admission from said establishment.
  - C. The parents shall provide a letter of recommendation from the child's pediatrician.
  - D. A criterion based test shall be administered to the child and the results of such test shall be reviewed along with other documentation submitted by the parents supporting the request for early admission by the Review Committee which shall consist of the Director of Pupil Personnel and the Early Childhood Coordinator.
  - E. A letter stating the screening results and decision shall be mailed to the parents not later than July 31. At that time the parents may request a meeting with the Committee to review the process and understand how a decision has been reached. The decision of the Committee shall be final and not subject to further appeal.
2. If the child is granted early admission than all other necessary documentation (i.e. birth certificate ect.) shall be required at that time.

Approved by the School Committee:  
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