

## 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:

1. Children who will be five years of age on or before August 31 of the school year during which they wish to enroll will be eligible to enter kindergarten in September.
2. Initial admission of children to the first grade (or other grades) will involve a consideration of both chronological age and the readiness of the children to do the work of those grades.
3. There are two avenues for admission to the pre-school. Children age three who have special needs are identified through the pre-school screening process and children age three and four without special needs are eligible to enter the pre-school through the annual lottery. Pre-school screenings are held during the school year. The lottery is held in February. There is a fee for students without special needs. There is no fee for special needs children.

LEGAL REFS.: M.G.L. 15:1G

Board of Education Regulations for Entrance to First Grade and Kindergarten, adopted 7/20/71