

ADMISSION TO THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS AT OR BEFORE AGE FIVE

The Rocky Hill Board of Education (the “Board”) complies with its legal obligation to cause each child five years of age and over and under eighteen years of age who is not a high school graduate and is residing within the Board’s jurisdiction to attend school in accordance with Connecticut General Statutes § 10-184.

The Rocky Hill Public Schools (the “District”) shall be open to resident children five years of age and over who reach age five on or before the first day of September of any school year.

For the 2026-2027 school year, for children who will not reach the age of five on or before the first day of September of the school year, the child’s parent or guardian may submit a written request to the principal of the school in which the child would be enrolled based on District residency and attendance area requirements seeking early admission to the District. Upon receipt of such written request, the principal and an appropriate certified staff member shall assess such child to determine whether admitting the child is developmentally appropriate. (“Early Admission Process”). For decisions relating to early admission to the District, the decision of the principal and appropriate certified staff shall be final.

The Superintendent or designee shall be responsible for developing procedures in furtherance of this policy. For the 2026-2027 school year, such procedures shall identify process for the receipt of requests for early admission to the District and for assessing whether early admission of a child is developmentally appropriate.

Beginning with the 2027-2028 school year, and for each school year thereafter, the Early Admission Process shall not be available, and children must reach the age of five on or before the first day of September of the school year to be admitted to kindergarten in the District’s schools.

Legal References:

Connecticut General Statutes

- 10-15c Discrimination by public schools prohibited. School attendance for five-year-olds
- 10-220 Duties of boards of education
- 10-221 Board of education to prescribe rules, policies, and procedures
- 10-184 Duties of parents. School attendance age requirements

Public Act 26-1, “An Act Concerning the Reallocation of Certain State Funds and Various Provisions Relating to Education, Public Safety, General Government, Elections, Intermediate Care Facilities, and Warehouse Distribution Centers.”