

EARLY ENTRANCE INTO KINDERGARTEN

Under Board Policy *JEB*, a student may enter kindergarten if his/her chronological age is five prior to September 30 of the year entering school.

A child whose fifth birthday falls after September 30 of the year entering school, may be allowed to enter kindergarten if skills and maturity level strongly indicate readiness for kindergarten as determined by the Superintendent or his/her designee.

Among other things, the determination shall be based upon an assessment by the Superintendent (or designee) of the child's:

1. Cognitive development;
2. Social development;
3. Physical development;
4. Language development.

The Superintendent shall have sole discretion to determine the nature of the information used in the assessment (i.e., records, documents, interviews, etc.). In making his/her decision, the Superintendent shall also consider such factors as class size, resources, etc.

The Superintendent is authorized to establish such criteria and administrative procedures as the Superintendent deems appropriate and/or necessary to implement this policy.

Legal References:

RSA 193:1, Compulsory Attendance of 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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