

Students

Admission/Placement/Age of Entrance

Age of Entrance

No child shall be admitted to the first grade of the public schools of New Milford in any school year unless the child will have attained his sixth birthday by December 31st of any school year.

No child shall be admitted to kindergarten in the public schools of New Milford in any school year unless the child will have attained his fifth birthday by December 31st of any school year.

Admission

District schools shall be open to all children five years of age and over who reach age five by December 31st of any school year. Each such child shall have, and shall be so advised by the appropriate school authorities, an equal opportunity to participate in the program and activities of the school system without discrimination on account of race, color, sex, gender identity or expression, religion, sexual orientation or disability. Exceptions from routine admission may be granted on an individual basis if, in the judgment of the Administrative Team, early entrance will significantly benefit the child without placing him/her at high risk for serious immediate or long-term issues. Parents and those who have the care of children age five to eighteen years of age inclusive who are residents of the Town of New Milford or otherwise entitled to attend the New Milford Public Schools are obligated by Connecticut law to require their children to attend public day school in the district in which such child resides, unless the parent or person having control of such child is able to demonstrate that the child is elsewhere receiving equivalent instruction in the studies taught in the public schools.

The parent or person having legal guardianship of a child five years of age shall have the option of not sending the child to school until the child is six years of age by December 31st of any school year. The parent or person having legal guardianship of a child six years of age shall have the option of not sending the child to school until the child is seven years of age by December 31st of any school year.

The parent or person having legal guardianship shall exercise such option by personally appearing at the school district office and signing an option form. The district shall provide the parent or person having legal guardianship with information on the educational opportunities available in the school system.

Each child entering the district schools for the first time must present a birth certificate or offer legal evidence of birth data, as well as proof of a recent physical examination and required immunizations or valid certificate indicating that any required immunization is medically contraindicated. If the parents or guardians of any children are unable to pay for such immunizations, the expense of such immunizations shall, upon the recommendation of the Board, be paid by the Town. Proof of residence may also be requested by the building Principal or his/her designee.

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For purposes of establishing the residency of a child of a member of the armed forces, as defined in Connecticut General Statutes Section 27-103, who is not yet a resident of New Milford, proof of residency for purposes of school enrollment shall include the military orders directing such member to the state or any other documents from the armed forces indicating the transfer of such member to the state.

The parent or person having control of a child seventeen years of age may consent to their child's withdrawal from school. Such parent or person shall personally appear at the school district office and sign a withdrawal form. The withdrawal form shall include an attestation from a guidance counselor or school-based administrator that the school district has provided such parent or person with information on the educational opportunities available in the school system and in the community.

Readmission after voluntary withdrawal

If a student voluntarily withdraws from enrollment in school and subsequently seeks readmission within ten (10) school days, the student must be provided school accommodations within three (3) school days after the student seeks readmission. If a student subsequently seeks readmission more than ten (10) school days after terminating, the Board of Education may deny school accommodations for up to ninety (90) school days from the date of the withdrawal.

Provisions for Special Education

Special education will be provided for children who have attained the age of three and who have been identified as being in need of special education. If a special education student is being considered for an exception, the Planning and Placement Team will make such recommendation and shall inform the administrator in charge of special education.

Alternative School Placement

A student enrolling in school who is nineteen years of age or older and cannot acquire a sufficient number of credits for graduation by age twenty-one may be placed in an alternative school program or other suitable educational program.

- (cf. 0521 - Nondiscrimination)
- (cf. 5112.3 - Ages of Attendance)
- (cf. 5141 - Student Health Services)
- (cf. 6171 - Special Education)
- (cf. 6146 - Graduation Requirements)

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Legal References: Connecticut General Statutes

- 10-15 Towns to maintain schools
- 10-15c Discrimination in public schools prohibited. School attendance by five-year olds
- 10-76a - 10-76g re special education
- 10-184 Duties of parents
- 10-186 Duties of local and regional boards of education re school attendance. Hearings.
- Appeals to state board. Establishment of hearing board
- 10-233a - 10-233f Inclusive; re: suspend, expel, removal of pupils
- 10-233c Suspension of pupils
- 10-233d Expulsion of pupils
- 10-261 Definitions
- State Board of Education Regulations
- 10-76a-1 General definitions (c) (d) (q) (t)
- 10-76d-7 Admission of student requiring special education (referral)
- 10-204a Required immunizations

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