

January 14, 2022

Dear Haldane Community:

The Haldane Central School District intends to modify its Age of Entrance policy for kindergarten registration, requiring incoming students to be five years of age or more on December 1, as compared to the current deadline of December 31. We believe this change is in the best interest of all future Haldane students and is also in alignment with all other schools in our area.

This change will take effect for the 2022-2023 school year, for which registration will soon open. Families with a child who will turn age five between December 2 and December 31, 2022 may contact Christine Jamin, Elementary School Principal, to discuss enrollment options during this transition year. It is our intention to honor registration requests for families who may have been planning on sending their children to school next year and who would be impacted by this change.

The attached Age of Entrance policy draft was presented for a first reading at the January 4 Board of Education meeting. It will be presented for a second reading on January 18 and adoption on February 1, 2022. Community members are invited to comment on this policy draft during the January 18 Board of Education meeting or to send their thoughts to board@haldaneschool.org.

Sincerely,
Phil Benante, Ed. D.
Superintendent of Schools

Estimada comunidad de Haldane:

El Distrito Escolar Central de Haldane tiene la intención de modificar su política de edad de ingreso para el registro de jardín de infantes, requiriendo que los estudiantes que ingresan tengan cinco años de edad o más el 1 de diciembre, en comparación con la fecha límite actual del 31 de diciembre. Creemos que este cambio es lo mejor interés de todos los futuros estudiantes de Haldane y también está alineado con todas las demás escuelas en nuestra área.

Este cambio entrará en vigencia para el año escolar 2022-2023, para el cual próximamente se abrirá la inscripción. Las familias con un niño que cumplirá cinco años entre el 2 y el 31 de diciembre de 2022 pueden comunicarse con Christine Jamin, directora de la escuela primaria, para analizar las opciones de inscripción durante este año de transición. Es nuestra intención cumplir con las solicitudes de inscripción de las familias que pueden haber estado planeando enviar a sus hijos a la escuela el próximo año y que se verían afectadas por este cambio.

El borrador adjunto de la política de edad de ingreso se presentó para una primera lectura en la reunión de la Junta de Educación del 4 de enero. Se presentará para una segunda lectura el 18 de enero y se adoptará el 1 de febrero de 2022. Se invita a los miembros de la comunidad a comentar sobre este borrador de política durante la reunión de la Junta de Educación del 18 de enero o enviar sus opiniones a board@haldaneschool.org.

Atentamente,

Phil Benante, Ed. D.
superintendente de escuelas

SUBJECT: AGE OF ENTRANCE

Kindergarten

Students who are legal residents of the District and who reside with parents or guardians within the District at the time of the opening day of school must be five years of age or more on December 1 in order to register for kindergarten.

A student who transfers into the District at any time during the school year may be considered for admission to kindergarten by the Superintendent provided:

- a) The parents were not legal residents of the District on the opening day of school, and
- b) The student has been registered and enrolled in kindergarten in the District in which his or her parents were legal residents.

Other Grades

Admission of students to other grades will involve a consideration of both chronological age and his or her readiness to do the work of those grades.

Proof of Age

A student's birth certificate or other satisfactory evidence of age must be presented at the time of initial registration and the student will be enrolled under his or her legal name.

Education Law §§ 1712, 3202, 3212, and 3218

NOTE: Refer also to Policies #7130 -- Entitlement to Attend -- Age and Residency
#7131 -- Education of Students in Temporary Housing

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