

ENTRANCE AGE

In an attempt to permit children to enter kindergarten or first grade at the time most appropriate for them individually, the NMRSD School Committee establishes the following policy on entrance age:

- Children who will be five years of age before September 1st of the school year during which they wish to enroll will be eligible to enter kindergarten for that school year.
- The admission of children to kindergarten who will be turning five years of age between September 1st and September 15th will be at the sole discretion of the building principal and superintendent. Considerations will include:
 - student readiness - kindergarten screening tool
 - students will be rank-ordered based on screening performance
 - space availability (the class size maximum will be 25 students for this policy)
- Initial admission of children to the first grade (or other grades) will involve considering both chronological age and their readiness to do the work of those grades.
- Kindergarten students will be held to the same attendance standards as students in all other grade levels in the district.

SOURCE: MASC

LEGAL REFS.: M.G.L. c. 76, § 1; 603 CMR 8.00

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