

Age of Entrance

Under Education Law, any person over the age of five years is entitled to attend the public schools maintained in the district, regardless of whether or not the district maintains a kindergarten program.

Kindergarten

Children reaching the age of five years on or before December 1st of a given school year shall be eligible for admission to kindergarten in the preceding September. Children reaching the age of five years after December 1st will not enter kindergarten until the following September.

There will be an exception in the case of the child of a new resident to the district who has had one academic quarter of kindergarten experience. This child may be initially placed in a Patchogue-Medford Kindergarten, pending review of the student's academic records by the teacher and building principal. Said child must have reached their fifth birthday not later than December 31st of that school year.

First Grade

Children reaching the age of six years on or before December 1st of a given school year shall be eligible for admission to first grade in the preceding September.

There will be an exception for a child who has not had satisfactory prior kindergarten experience. This child must be six years of age on or before September 1st of that school year to be eligible for first grade entrance.

A child who reaches their sixth birthday not more than one month after December 1st and who has had satisfactorily completed one year in a kindergarten program in a public school outside of the district or in an outside non-public school kindergarten which is registered with the New York State Education Department or with equivalent successful kindergarten experience will be placed in the first grade, pending observation by the teacher and building principal. In all cases in the aforementioned policy, such placement is based on what is educationally appropriate for the child. The building principal will determine the final grade placement of the student.

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