



CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT OF NEW BRITAIN

Board Policy Statement

5111.00 - Admission and Placement of Students

Approved on January 8, 2024

I. Admission

Children are expected to attend school from age five to age eighteen unless the child is a high school graduate. Exceptions to this attendance / participation are noted below. District schools shall be open to all children five years of age and over who reach age five on or before the first day of September of any school year.

Early admission to kindergarten may be approved by the Superintendent or Superintendent's designee upon (1) a written request by a parent or guardian, and (2) an assessment completed by the school that determines admitting the child to kindergarten would be developmentally appropriate.

A parent or person having control of a child five or six years of age who does not wish to send the child to school may appear at the district office and sign an option form per Connecticut General Statute Section 10-184.

Children under 18 years of age must attend school unless the child is a high school graduate or the parent or guardian of a child sixteen or seventeen consents to the child's withdrawal from school. Such parent must be informed of educational options available in the school system or community [who have attained the age of sixteen and who have voluntarily terminated]. Students whose parents have voluntarily terminated their enrollment in the district's schools and subsequently seeks readmission may be readmitted after ninety school days from the date of such termination [and will be informed of adult education opportunities].

According to Connecticut General Statute Section 10-76d(b2), special education will be provided for children who have attained the age of three and who have been identified as needing special education, and whose educational potential will be irreparably diminished without special education. If a special education student is being considered for an exception, the Planning and Placement Team (PPT) will make a recommendation to the administrator in charge of special education.

II. Placement

Children who transfer from nonpublic schools or from schools outside the district will be placed at the grade they would have reached elsewhere pending observation and evaluation by classroom teachers, guidance

personnel, and the school principal. After such observations and evaluations have been completed, the principal will review the data with parents and determine the child's final grade placement.

Children who have attained the age of nineteen or older may be placed in an alternative school program or other suitable educational program if they cannot acquire a sufficient number of credits for graduation by age 21.



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Administrative Procedure

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If a child is five years old on or before the first of September of any school year, he or she may enter kindergarten. Connecticut law requires public schools to be open to all children who reach the age of five on or before the first of September of any school year. Early admission to kindergarten may be approved by the Superintendent or Superintendent's designee.

I. Early Admission into Kindergarten

A. All requests for early admission into kindergarten will be processed by the Superintendent or Superintendent's Designee.

B. The following process has been established to determine early admission:

- a. Written request from the parent or guardian will be forwarded to the Superintendent or Superintendent's designee, by the first of May for the upcoming school year, and
- b. An assessment completed by the school determines if admitting the child to kindergarten would be developmentally appropriate.

II. Waiver of School Attendance Until Age Seven

A parent or guardian of a child five or six years of age has the option of not sending the child to school until seven years of age. To exercise this option, the parent must complete and sign the attached option form. Placement of the child first entering school at age six or seven will be completed according to board policy.