



# KINDERGARTEN ELIGIBILITY QUICK GUIDE

## 2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR

Use this flow chart by answering the following questions to navigate Connecticut's New Entry Age for Kindergarten for the 2026-2027 school year.

**Does your child turn 5 between January 1st and September 1, 2026?**

**YES**

Your child is eligible for Kindergarten!  
Contact the GES Main Office at (860) 376-7610 or visit [griswoldpublicschools.org](http://griswoldpublicschools.org) to obtain registration paperwork.



**NO**

Do you want your child to have early entrance into Kindergarten?



**YES**

Parent/Guardian will then complete the "Kindergarten Early Entrance Waiver Application."

The school team will reach out upon waiver completion to schedule a required screening assessment appointment.

**NO**

Do you want your child to attend the Griswold Early Education Program (GEEP)?

**YES**

Contact the GES Main Office at (860) 376-7610 or visit [griswoldpublicschools.org](http://griswoldpublicschools.org) to obtain the GEEP application and screening information.

**NO**

If you are seeking an early childhood experience for your child, information regarding local care, preschool, and other programs can be provided by the District's Early Start CT Liaison.

Learn more at [griswoldpublicschools.org/resources/student-entry-age-information](http://griswoldpublicschools.org/resources/student-entry-age-information)