



Kindergarten Entrance Age

To be eligible for Kindergarten, a child must be 5 years of age on or before December 31st of the year in which they are registered and has met the requirements as prescribed by the Department of Health.

To be eligible for Grade 1, a child must be 6 years of age on or before December 31st of the year in which they are registered and have met the requirements as prescribed by the Department of Health.

Because the Board realizes that the first years of a child's schooling are some of the most important, it will be Board policy to inform parents of children whose birth dates fall between August 31 and December 31, of their option to start their child in school in the following school year.

If it is deemed to be in the best interest of the child, the school team and Student Services Coordinator will recommend to the parents that school entry be delayed until the following school year.

Recommendations will be based on a combination of:

- assessment data
- observation
- child development theory

Ultimately, however, a parent's choice to register their child will be respected, provided the child is of eligible age.