

# Cumberland School Department

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Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s):

You have expressed interest in the Cumberland School Department's early admittance procedures for Kindergarten or grade one. The Cumberland School Committee's policy J-1 Early Entry to Kindergarten and First Grade Policy defines early entrants as children who's chronological age is not 5 years (for kindergarten enrollment) or 6 years (for grade one enrollment) on September 1<sup>st</sup>.

Candidates for early admittance will be assessed to determine their social, emotional and cognitive ability. Your child must perform in the percentile rankings noted in the J-1 Early Entry to Kindergarten and First Grade Policy in order to be admitted to school. Any child born after December 31<sup>st</sup> is **not** eligible to be considered for early entrance to kindergarten or first grade.

Enclosed is an application and a Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) document. Please complete the application and review the FAQ. Once completed, please send your application **along with a copy of updated and certified immunizations, certified birth certificate and proof of residency.** Evaluations will be provided to you at no cost and will take place before June 30, 2018. It is imperative that you make every effort to make your child available on the designated evaluation dates. Failure to participate in the required evaluations during the time period offered will compromise any consideration for early entrance to kindergarten or first grade.

An application and required documentation for early admittance for the 2018-2019 school year must be postmarked by May 1, 2018 and sent to the Office of the Assistant Superintendent. Residents who move into Cumberland after the closing date but prior to August 1 may apply for screening by July 31. If you have further questions, please contact the Office of the Assistant Superintendent of Schools for further assistance.

Sincerely,

Antonio DiManna, Jr.  
Assistant Superintendent of Schools

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Enclosures