



Cumberland School Department Policy Manual

STUDENTS

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ADMISSION TO KINDERGARTEN AND FIRST GRADE

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POSITION

In accordance with RI General Laws § 16-2-27 (Eligibility for Attendance – Kindergarten)

Every child who has attained, or will have attained, five (5) years of age on or before September 1 of any school year shall be eligible to attend kindergarten during all the days that the kindergartens are in session during the school year. If a child is enrolled in kindergarten, the attendance requirements of § 16-19-1 shall apply.

In accordance with RI General Laws § 16-2-28 (Eligibility for Attendance – 1st Grade)

Every child who has completed or will have completed six (6) years of life on or before September 1 of any school year shall be eligible to attend first grade during all the days that the public schools are in session during the school year. Every child shall be eligible to attend first grade only upon completion of a state recognized or accredited kindergarten program.

The policy of the Cumberland School Committee is that students will enter school at the ages prescribed by Rhode Island state regulation. Other than the one exception listed below, the September 1st requirement shall not be waived.

STUDENTS WHO COMPLETE KINDERGARTEN FROM A STATE RECOGNIZED OR ACCREDITED KINDERGARTEN PROGRAM

Those students who successfully complete an accredited kindergarten program as demonstrated by official grade reports and who have not turned 6 by September 1 and whose parent/guardian wish for them to enter grade 1, a letter requesting placement in grade 1 will be made to the Superintendent/Designee by **May 1** of each school year.

By **June 30**, a final report card and letter of recommendation from the child's kindergarten must be provided to the Office of the Superintendent/Designee.

Information will be reviewed by the Assistant Superintendent, submitted to the Superintendent for final approval and recommendation to the Cumberland School Committee at their first meeting scheduled in August of that year.

This policy supersedes the following policies:

JEC – Amendment to Early Admissions Policy; JECB – Kindergarten: Early Admission (Proposed);

JECB – Clarification of Early Admissions Policy

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