

ELEMENTARY ENTRANCE AGE

The Attleboro School Committee establishes the following policy on age to permit children to enter kindergarten and first grade at the most appropriate time.

Admission into school involves consideration of both chronological age and readiness to approach the challenge of a school program. The School Committee has established the following chronological minimum age requirement for entry:

- Children who will be five (5) years of age on or before September 1 of the school year during which they wish to enroll will be eligible to enter kindergarten.
- Children who will be six (6) years of age on or before September 1 of the school year are eligible for initial entry in grade one.

Exceptions to this Policy may be considered only in the following cases:

1. The student has successfully completed kindergarten in a public or other accredited/certified school system *and* who shall be six (6) years of age on or before October 1.
2. A student transferring into the Attleboro Schools from another public or other accredited/certified school system, currently attending first grade, who shall be six (6) years of age on or before October 1.
3. A student who turns five (5) years of age on September 2nd through September 30th may apply to the Superintendent for admission to kindergarten, provided the application for admission is received by the Superintendent by May 1st of the previous school year. The superintendent's decision, which shall not be subject to appeal to the School Committee, will be based on the following criteria:
 - a. A determination by the APS Central Administration of academic, social, and emotional readiness for Kindergarten.
 - b. Previous schooling in an accredited educational program.
 - c. The capacity of the receiving school to enroll additional Kindergarten students.
 - d. The age of the student.

No student enrolled under Exception # 3 of this policy in a school other than a school whose district encompasses the student's residence shall be entitled to district-funded transportation.

Legal References:

- M.G.L. 15:1G,
- Board of Education Regulation for Entrance to First Grade and Kindergarten, adopted September 1, 1972.
- 603 CMR 8.02

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