

## NEW SALEM/WENDELL SCHOOL COMMITTEE

### ENTRANCE AGE

In an attempt to permit children to enter school at the time most appropriate for them individually, the School Committee establishes the following policy on entrance age:

1. Children who will be five years of age prior to September 1st of the school year during which they wish to enroll will be eligible to enter kindergarten for that school year.

The admission of children whose birthdays fall after September 1st will be at the school's discretion. If parents/guardians disagree with the decision of the school, they may appeal to the superintendent. Parents/guardians may request testing of their child for academic and social readiness. Testing will be administered by school staff upon request. Parents/guardians may offer evidence of school readiness from the child's preschool or other teacher/s and/or health professionals or other educational professionals. Outside testing may be submitted and will be considered as part of the evidence submitted by the parent/guardian. The superintendent shall take into consideration testing results, evidence offered by the parents/guardians and recommendations of the child's preschool or other teachers or health professionals.

If parents/guardians disagree with the decision made by the superintendent, they may appeal to the school committee. The decision of the school committee is final.

2. Initial admission of children to the first grade (or other grades) will involve a consideration of both chronological age and the readiness of the children to do the work of those grades. If parents/guardians disagree with the decision of the school, they may appeal to the superintendent and then the school committee, using the same criteria as in (1).

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