

SCHOOL ENTRANCE AGE

Background:

It is necessary to set a minimum age for entrance into kindergarten and Grade 1 in schools within the Division.

Definitions:

Developmentally Immature Child:

refers to a child enrolled in a kindergarten program for a second year because the parent and the school agree a kindergarten program is the most appropriate placement for the child. The child must be less than seven years old on September 1 of that school year and not previously coded as a child with special education needs.

Procedures:

1. A child is eligible to enrol in kindergarten if the child will be five years old on or before December 31 of that school year. Early intervention services for children prior to kindergarten may be provided for children with disabilities/delays. A child who is at least six years old but less than seven years old on September 1 may enrol in kindergarten if the child is developmentally immature or is entering a kindergarten program for the first time.
2. A child whose parent(s) or guardian(s) lives within the boundaries of the Division is eligible to enrol in Grade 1 if the child will be six years old on or before December 31 of that school year.
3. Any exception to school entrance into kindergarten or Grade 1 must be approved by the Superintendent or designate.
4. Proof of age, presented in the form of a birth certificate or other official document acceptable to the Principal, is required at the time of registration for kindergarten or early intervention programming, and may be requested at the time of registration for Grade 1, in the case of a student new to a school.

Reference:

Section 3, 4, 7, 8, 9, 11, 16, 21, 33, 52, 53 197 *Education Act*