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SCHOOL ENTRANCE AGE

Each child, resident of Dartmouth, may attend kindergarten if he/she has attained the age of five years old **on or before August 31st** of the year of entrance.

Each child, resident of Dartmouth, shall attend first grade if he/she has attained the age of six years old **on or before August 31st** of the year of entrance.

No child will be allowed to register for kindergarten who will not be five years old **on or before August 31st** of the year of registration. No child will be allowed to register for first grade who will not be six years old **on or before August 31st** of the year of registration. The following exceptions to this policy are available to children in families who move into Dartmouth during the school year in which they move:

- A child who is transferring to Dartmouth Public Schools after successfully completing kindergarten or while enrolled in first grade may attend first grade in Dartmouth.
- A child who is transferring to Dartmouth Public Schools and who has been legally enrolled in kindergarten in a community with an entrance date that permits attendance in kindergarten if he/she has attained the age of five years old between September 1st and December 31st of the year of entrance, may attend kindergarten if he/she has completed at least eight weeks of kindergarten prior to transferring, and is recommended for kindergarten placement by his/her sending teacher.

No other exceptions will be made to this policy including cases involving students transferring to the Dartmouth Public Schools from other school districts or non-public schools. Developmental testing associated with Chapter 766 may not result in a recommendation for early admission to either kindergarten or first grade.

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