

## KINDERGRARTEN ENTRANCE POLICY

School year 1999/2000 - students must be 5 years old by 8/31. Early admittance considered for those born between September and December 31. (Deadline - 4/28 to be considered for early admissions)

School year 2000/2001 - students must be 5 years old by 8/31. Early admittance considered for those born between 09/01 - 09/30. (Deadline 4/28 to be considered for early admission).

School year 2001/2002 and beyond - students must turn 5 years old by 8/31. No exceptions.

## GRADE ONE ENTRANCE POLICY

All students entering grade one in the Newton Public Schools must be six years old on or before August 31 of the calendar year of school entrance. This is in keeping with the policy that students entering kindergarten must be five years old on or before August 31. Advantages to the child are the opportunities to meet peers, understand a new school system, and continue to advance his/her learning at his/her own pace, which are facilitated in the current kindergarten program. The parents of students who have completed kindergarten elsewhere but have not turned six on or before August 31 of the year of proposed grade one entry may discuss an exception to this policy with the school principal. The principal, after consulting with the assistant superintendent of schools, will be authorized to make a determination in these cases with the general expectation that the recommendation will be for the child to enter kindergarten.

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