

KINDERGARTEN AGE OF DETERMINATION POLICY

GENERAL

The compulsory attendance age in New Hampshire is 6 years old. New Hampshire does not have a state policy which defines early access to kindergarten. The state only requires that public school districts offer at least part-time kindergarten to all resident children aged five and up. The state allows local education agencies and state approved nonpublic schools to determine whether and to what extent early access to kindergarten is allowed and appropriate for the child.

POLICY

For the purpose of the EFA program, a child may enroll as a first-time kindergarten student if:

- The child will have their fifth (5th) birthday on or before September 30 of that year, or
- The child has been accepted for early entrance by a public school (outside of the student's resident district) or by a nonpublic school which has received approval to operate by the New Hampshire Department of Education or by the Department of Education of the respective state in which the school is located.
 1. Parents of children who receive early entrance into an approved kindergarten program must schedule an appointment with CSF in order to complete the student application in person prior to July 15th.
 2. Parents must provide verification of student enrollment. Verification must be in the form of a signed document on the school's letterhead indicating that the child has been enrolled at the school as a kindergarten student.

Students under five years of age after December 31st are not eligible for the EFA program.

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