

Administrative Procedure 301

SCHOOL ENTRANCE AGE

Background

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

Some children who qualify to enter grade 1 may not possess sufficient readiness for formalized school experiences. In these cases parents are encouraged to consider placing their child into kindergarten or into another appropriate pre-grade 1 setting for the school year.

Procedures

1. Children may begin kindergarten in a school within the Division in September if they are five (5) years of age by the end of the following February. An exception is allowed in cases where special learning needs have been identified and an earlier entrance into kindergarten is desirable.
2. Children may begin grade 1 in September if they are six (6) years of age by the end of the following February.
3. Proof of age, presented in the form of a birth certificate or other official document acceptable to the Principal, is required at the start of kindergarten and may be requested at the start of grade 1 in the case of a student new to a school.

Reference: Section 3, 8, 13, 14, 15, 20, 30, 44, 45, 60, 61, 113 School Act