

ENTRANCE AGE

As determined by law, to be admitted to kindergarten a child must have attained the age of five years on or before September 1st in the year of admission. RI General Law 16-2-28 states: "Every child who has completed or will have completed six (6) years of life on or before September 1st of any school year, shall be eligible to attend first grade during all the days that the public schools are in session during the school year. Every child shall be eligible to attend first grade only upon completion of a state recognized or accredited kindergarten program."

A child at or above the age of six found to be lacking in readiness for first grade may be placed in kindergarten at the direction of the superintendent. A birth certificate or other satisfactory legal proof of age must be furnished to the school department prior to the child's admission to school.

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