

## **STUDENT ENTRANCE AGE**

### **Background**

The Division believes that most students are better served by starting school later rather than earlier. All Children who, at September 1<sup>st</sup> in a year, are six years of age or older will be admitted to school.

Children whose sixth birth date falls on or after September 1<sup>st</sup> and on or before December 31<sup>st</sup> are eligible to attend a school within the Division.

### **Procedures**

1. Admission of beginners is permitted only at one time each year, namely on the first day of school for the year in question.
2. There is no requirement for a student to register for grade one if the child's birth date is after the first day of school and prior to December 31<sup>st</sup> of the school year in question.
3. The eligibility age for kindergarten in a division-operated program shall be one year prior to the grade one entrance age (i.e. admission to children whose fifth birth date falls on or before December 31<sup>st</sup> of the year of admission).

Reference: Section 7, Education Act

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