

ENTRANCE AGE

1. Children who reach the age of five (5) on or before December 1 may be enrolled in kindergarten.
2. It is the general intent of the Port Washington School District to discourage entry into kindergarten in advance of the established age deadline of December 1. However, in cases where the child turns five between December 1 and December 31 and the parent believes that such child is exceptional and demonstrates full readiness for entry into kindergarten, then that parent may request a screening for early kindergarten entrance from the principal at the building where the child would attend kindergarten. The Superintendent is directed to develop procedures to determine if the child is truly exceptional and ready for early entrance.
3. A child who does not meet the district age guideline for entrance to kindergarten but who has completed a full year of an accredited kindergarten elsewhere may be enrolled in a first grade class provided that the placement is consistent with the child's developmental needs and a statement is issued by the accredited kindergarten confirming that the child was in attendance for a full school year and is ready for enrollment in a first grade class.
4. Consistent with New York State Education Law Section 3205 Chapter 518 of the Laws of 1993 children who turn six (6) on or before December first of the school year must attend school from the start of classes in September of that school year, and children who turn six (6) after December first must begin school no later than the first day of session the following September. In the event that a student in this category has never had kindergarten experience, grade placement will be determined after a consultation between the parents, principal and appropriate professional staff as needed.

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