

ENTRANCE AGE

The policy for admission to kindergarten and first grade has been developed so that all children will be successful as they enter school. For the purpose of this policy, the school year is defined as beginning July 1st and ending the following June 30th in accordance with Department of Education regulations.

The Franklin School Committee establishes the age of admission to elementary school at five (5). Pupils shall be five years of age on or before August 31 of the same year to enter kindergarten and shall be six years of age on or before August 31 of the year the student enters first grade.

Kindergarten Enrollment

Students who have completed a full- year of full -day NAEYC accredited kindergarten with another public school district will be eligible to enter grade one. However the Franklin Public Schools reserves the right to a review the placement of any underage child after 30 school days and to change the grade level placement if deemed appropriate by the principals in consultation with parents and the superintendent.

A parent may petition the Superintendent to assess the child for grade acceleration if:

The family moved to Franklin from another community or from out of state and the child attended a full day NAEYC accredited public school program or an NAEYC full day independent private kindergarten program for 90 school days or more.

or

If a parent residing in Franklin enrolls an underage child in a private independent NAEYC accredited kindergarten program in order to circumvent the Age of Admission policy the parent may petition the superintendent and request the child be assessed for grade acceleration.

If the child is not deemed an appropriate candidate for grade acceleration, he/she may be placed in kindergarten for an additional year.

For the purpose of this policy, a student is a resident of Franklin if the student actually resides in Franklin. However, if a student resides temporarily in Franklin, for the special purpose of attending school, and his or her parents'/guardians' legal residence is a city or town other than Franklin, then the School Committee may recover tuition from said student's parents/guardians.

LEGAL REFS. M.G.L. 76:6

CROSS REF.: JHD, Denial of Admission from School Attendance