

ADMISSION OF RESIDENT STUDENTS

PURPOSE:

This policy has been established to set forth the expectations of the North Kingstown School Committee in regards to the initial admissions of students into the North Kingstown School Department.

PHILOSOPHY:

The School Committee recognizes and supports the right of all resident students to be admitted into enrollment in the North Kingstown School Department. The Committee expects that all rules and regulations of the Department of Education have been adhered to, and that all other appropriate considerations have been given to each student seeking admittance to the Department's schools.

POLICY STATEMENT:

North Kingstown School District reserves the right to require appropriate documents regarding residency prior to admission. In keeping with Committee intent of this policy, the following guidelines shall be followed in review and acceptance of all applicants to entrance to a North Kingstown School.

Kindergarten

Every child who has attained, or will have attained, five (5) years of age on or before September 1 of any school year shall be eligible to attend kindergarten during all the days that the kindergartens are in session during the school year. A child, who is age five (5) after September 1, will not be eligible for kindergarten.

First Grade

Every child who has attained, or will have attained, six (6) years of age on or before September 1, shall be eligible to attend first grade during all the days that the public schools are in session during the school year, provided such child has successfully completed a state recognized or accredited kindergarten program. For a student wishing to enter grade 1 whose sixth (6th) birthday falls within the month of September and who has not had a North Kingstown kindergarten experience, the student shall be subject to a staff interview, provide evidence of satisfactory completion of a certified kindergarten program, exhibit maturity (socially, emotionally, and physically) and there be enrollment space available within the classroom.

Other Grades

Children who apply for initial entrance in grades two through twelve will be placed initially in accord with the grade level they have reached outside of North Kingstown.

Legal Reference: General Laws of Rhode Island; Title 16 Education

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