

## **KINDERGARTEN AND FIRST GRADE ELIGIBILITY**

Students entering kindergarten must be five years of age by September 1<sup>st</sup> of the year in which they begin kindergarten. In exceptional circumstances and on a case-by-case and space-available basis, the Superintendent may approve the entry into kindergarten of students who are five years of age by December 1<sup>st</sup> of the year in which they begin kindergarten. Factors to be considered in making such a decision include, but are not limited to, literacy, mathematics, language, social/emotional, and fine and gross motor development. Requests for early entrance must be received by June 1<sup>st</sup>.

Students entering first grade must be six years of age by September 1<sup>st</sup> of the year in which they begin first grade. Exceptions to this policy may be granted by the Superintendent when (1) written requests are accompanied by evidence of success in a full-year, Rhode Island Department of Education-approved kindergarten program, (2) a student will be six years of age by December 1<sup>st</sup> of the year in which they enter grade one, and (3) space is available. Students who successfully complete the Chariho kindergarten program are guaranteed entry into a Chariho grade one classroom.

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