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ENROLLMENT AGES FOR KINDERGARTEN AND GRADE ONE

A child who is of school age and resides in the Town of Westford may attend Westford Public Schools. Each child must attend school beginning in September of the calendar year in which he/she attains the age of six (6).

Kindergarten

A child who is five (5) years of age, on or before September 1st, is eligible to enter kindergarten. The Superintendent will not waive the age requirement for Kindergarten entrance. Parents and legal guardians retain the right to request that their child be assessed for entrance into first grade in the following year.

Grade 1

A child who is six (6) years of age on or before September 1st is eligible to enter first grade. If space permits, the Superintendent may waive the age requirement for entering first grade. Parents/guardians seeking an exception to the age requirement must,

- Notify the building principal in writing.
- Agree to bear any costs associated with, including the administration of, the Westford Public Schools grade readiness assessment process.
- Provide the school with the any requested school records.

The building principal will provide a grade recommendation to the Superintendent based on a review of the child's classroom performance data, assessment data, input from teachers and parents/legal guardians and any other data requested by Westford Public Schools.

In accordance with Massachusetts Board of Education regulations, each child must attend school beginning in September of the calendar year in which he/she attains the age of six (6). Each child is required to attend school until reaching the age of sixteen (16).

Massachusetts General Law References:

- M.G.L. 71B:1 – Children with Special Needs, Definitions
- M.G.L. 76:1 – Regulation of School Attendance: Approval of Private Schools; Private School Transportation
- M.G.L. 76:2A – Attendance of Deaf Children
- M.G.L. 76:3 – Attendance of Illiterate Children
- M.G.L. 76:5 – Place of Attendance; Discrimination

Westford Public Schools Policy References:

- Policy 5102 – Students of Legal Age

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