



CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT OF NEW BRITAIN

Board Policy Statement

5111.00 - Admission and Placement of Students

Approved on March 3, 2004

I. Admission

Children are expected to attend school from age five to age eighteen unless the child is a high school graduate. Exceptions to this attendance / participation are noted below. District schools shall be open to all children five years of age and over who reach age five on or before the first day of January of any school year. [Exceptions from routine] Early admission to kindergarten may be approved by the Board of Education on the basis of supporting evidence. A parent or person having control of a child five or six years of age who does not wish to send the child to school may appear at the district office and sign an option form per CT general statute 10-184.

Children under 18 years of age must attend school unless the child is a high school graduate or the parent or guardian of a child sixteen or seventeen consents to the child's withdrawal from school. Such parent must be informed of educational options available in the school system or community [who have attained the age of sixteen and who have voluntarily terminated]. Students whose parents have voluntarily terminated their enrollment in the District's schools and subsequently seeks readmission may be readmitted after ninety school days from the date of such termination [and will be informed of adult education opportunities]

According to Connecticut General Statute 10-76d(b2), special education will be provided for children who have attained the age of three and who have been identified as being in need of special education, and whose educational potential will be irreparably diminished without special education. If a special education student is being considered for an exception, the Planning and Placement Team (PPT) will make a recommendation to the administrator in charge of special education.

II. Placement

Children who transfer from nonpublic schools or from schools outside the District will be placed at the grade they would have reached elsewhere pending observation and evaluation by classroom teachers, guidance personnel, and the school principal. After such observations and evaluations have been completed, the principal will review the data with parents and determine the child's final grade placement.

Children who have attained the age of nineteen or older may be placed in an alternative school program or other suitable educational program if they cannot acquire a sufficient number of credits for graduation by age 21.

Legal References/Citations

Connecticut General Statutes
10-15 Towns to maintain schools
10-15c Discrimination in public schools prohibited. School attendance by five-year olds.
10-76a -10-76g re: special education
10-184 Duties of parents - Amended
10-186 Duties of local and regional boards of education re: school attendance hearings.

Amended by PA 96-26,
10-233a - 10-233f Inclusive; re: suspend, expel, removal of pupils
10-233c Suspension of pupils
10-233d Expulsion of pupils
State Board of Education Regulations
10-76a-1 General definitions (c), (d), (q), (t)



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Administrative Procedure

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If a child is five years old on or before the first of January of any year, he or she may enter kindergarten. Connecticut law requires public school to be open to all children who reach the age of five on or before the first January of any school year. It is the local Board of Education's decision to admit children before he or she is age eligible for kindergarten. There is no state law that requires public schools to test the readiness of children before they enter kindergarten in the public schools.

I. Early Entry into Kindergarten

- A. All requests for early entry into kindergarten will be processed by the Pupil Services Department. No request for early admission will be honored after September 15 of the school year of kindergarten entry.
- B. The following criteria have been established in order to determine that a pupil will experience success if admitted:
 - a. That the family medical doctor gives written approval relative to the physical and social readiness of the child.
 - b. That the preschool or daycare provider gives written approval relative to the maturity and readiness of the child.
 - c. That the child be able to perform those fine and gross motor activities that are needed to be successful in kindergarten as determined by the DIAL-R or similar kindergarten screening instrument.
- C. Written request for entry by the parents/guardians and supporting documentation will be forwarded to the Board of Education with the Superintendent's or Superintendent's designee's recommendation.

II. Waiver of School Attendance Until Age Seven

A parents or guardians of a child five or six years of age has the option of not sending the child to school until seven years of age. To exercise this option, the parent must complete and sign the attached option form. Placement of the child first entering school at age six or seven will be completed according to board policy.