

ENTRANCE AGE

In an attempt to permit children to enter kindergarten or first grade at the time most appropriate for them individually, the school committee establishes the following policy on entrance age:

1. Children who will be five (5) years of age on or before September 1 of the school year during which they wish to enroll will be eligible to enter Kindergarten in September of that year.

Children who will be six (6) years of age on or before September 1 for the school year during which they wish to enroll will be eligible to enter Grade 1 in September of that year.

2. Pupils moving from other towns into Harvard will be assigned temporarily to the grade designated by the previous school. Under direction of the Building Principal, if the pupil encounters difficulties in basic skills, then achievement and/or aptitude tests may be administered by the school counselor. Parents will be notified by the building principal or designee of necessary grade level changes to be made.

Initial admission of children in Kindergarten and Grade 1 enrolling in the Harvard Public Schools after the academic year has begun already enrolled in that grade level will involve a consideration of both chronological age and the readiness of the child to do the work of those grades.

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