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**School Committee Policy:**

**#511**

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### Entrance Age

- A. In an attempt to permit children to enter kindergarten and 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 years of age before September 1 of the calendar year during which they wish to enroll in school will be eligible to enter kindergarten in the school year beginning in the fall.
  2. Children who will be six years of age on or before September 1 of the calendar year during which they must be enrolled in school will be eligible to enter first grade in the school year beginning in the fall.
  3. Children who will be six years old between September 1 and December 31 of the calendar year during which they must be enrolled in school will be placed in kindergarten.
  4. No exceptions in the above will be made for children who enter from private school programs.
- B. Transfer Students
1. Except as noted in #4 above, a child who transfers into the district after attending school in another district will enter whatever grade the child was attending or would have attended in the former district.
  2. Exceptions may be made by the principal and family by mutual consent.

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