

ENTRANCE AGE

Kindergarten

Every child admitted to kindergarten in the Great Neck School District must attain the age of five years on or before December 1 of the year of entrance. A birth certificate must be presented as proof of age.

No child under the aforementioned age will be admitted at any time during the year unless:

1. The child was in attendance at another public school district in which the child's entrance age was in compliance; and
2. A recommendation for admission is made by the Department of Pupil Personnel Services after completion of the district's screening process.

First Grade

Every child admitted to first grade must attain the age of six years on or before December 1 of the year of entrance. An underage child, one whose birthday falls after December 1, may be accepted if the child has completed a full year of kindergarten and is recommended for first grade placement by the director or principal of the school attended. (Nursery school attendance is not a substitute for kindergarten.)

Procedure for Underage First Grade Applicants

A parent who seeks to enroll an underage first grade child will be supplied with an entrance form by the Office of Attendance and Registration. The parent will have the director or principal of the child's former private or public school complete the form and mail it to the Office of Attendance and Registration. After the district's screening process has been completed, the parent will be notified as to the child's placement.

All new underage entrants in kindergarten through fifth grade will be observed by school staff for a minimum of two weeks in order to determine the appropriateness of the grade placement. The principal will then notify the parent of the final decision regarding the child's placement. If the decision involves a change in grade, the parent will be informed in advance.

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