KINDERGARTEN Age Change 2024

What is it?

All Connecticut districts have a new age requirement for the incoming Kindergarten class. Effective in the fall of 2024, children need to turn five on or before September 1 of the school year to be eligible to enroll in public school Kindergarten.

This is a change from the previous Kindergarten enrollment birthdate cutoff of January 1.

The Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE) and the Office of Early Childhood (OEC) have additional information and you can find it here.

What if my child will be age 5 on or before September 1, 2024?

If your child is age-eligible (turning 5 years old on or before September 1, 2024), you may begin registration on **February 1, 2024**, by visiting:

Granby Schools Registration Page





Kindergarten Activity Time

All future students and families will be invited to a Kindergarten Activity Time in early May.

Once registrations have been completed, we will reach out with more information in late March.





My child will not be age 5 by September 1, 2024 but will be age 5 by January 1, 2025. What can I do?

If you have a child born between September 2, 2019 and December 31, 2019 and would like your child to be considered for early Kindergarten enrollment in Fall 2024, please note the following steps parents/guardians must complete:

- 1. Complete the <u>Waiver Form</u> (This will serve as your formal written request.)
- 2. Students MUST attend a Kindergarten Activity Time
- 3. An in-person meeting with the principal in mid-May.

Registration Information



Parents/guardians of children born after September 1, 2019 should **NOT** initiate registration for Kindergarten until they have received a final decision from the Principal/School District.

Do you have a current preschooler?

September 1st will be the new cut-off date for Kindergarten entry in coming years. We are unsure of how long the state will permit early entry exceptions so please plan accordingly. If you have any questions please feel free to reach out to our main office or your child's preschool program.