

## ENTRANCE AGE

The policy of the Wareham School Committee for entrance into Kindergarten and first grade in the Wareham Public School System is as follows:

1. Each child must attend school beginning in September of the calendar year in which he or she attains the age of six. Effective the 2015-2016 school year a child must be five years old by October 1<sup>st</sup> of the year of his or her entrance into Kindergarten and six years old by October 1<sup>st</sup> of the year of his or her entrance into first grade. Residents moving into Wareham after the opening of school whose child does not meet Wareham's entrance age policy for Kindergarten but has been enrolled and attending regularly for a period of fifteen (15) consecutive school days in an approved Kindergarten in another school system, may enroll the child in a Wareham Kindergarten contingent upon
  - a) the completion of a school readiness assessment, and
  - b) the approval of the Superintendent.

The Superintendent will, in determining approval, consider the school readiness assessment, the previous attendance of the child in Kindergarten, including duration and progress, and also the availability of space in the classroom or school to which the child may become assigned.

If an exception to the age requirement is granted on the above conditions, the parents may choose, within the first 30 days of enrollment, to withdraw their child from Kindergarten based upon their assessment of the child's ability to adjust to the classroom and wait for the following academic year to re-enroll their child.

2. Completion of a full year in a Kindergarten approved by the Superintendent of Schools is a pre-requisite for entrance into Grade 1. Children, who do not meet Wareham's entrance age policy for first grade but who have completed an approved kindergarten in another school system, may be enrolled in a Wareham first grade if they will be six years old prior to January 1<sup>st</sup> of that academic year.

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