

Assignments of Students to Classes and Grade Level

Maine Law sets the following minimum ages for student enrollment in public school.

1. Children who will be at least five years old on October 15 of the school year to enroll in school. The intent is that these students begin their school careers in Kindergarten at this age.
2. Children who will be at least 4 years of age on October 15th of the school year may enroll in a preschool program prior to kindergarten if it is offered.

However, it is recognized that exceptions to this initial placement may be justified under limited circumstances, as is acceleration at any grade level. In such rare cases, enrolling five year-old students may be placed in another grade at the discretion of school officials in accordance with the following:

1. Social and emotional maturity have been demonstrated to predict success in another grade;
2. Placement will be made by the principal. Parents may appeal that placement to the Superintendent. The Superintendent's decision may be appealed to the Board of Directors.
3. The school reserves the right to administer testing as appropriate to making a proper determination of placement;
4. Any such placement is to be conditioned upon demonstrated success, and reviewed at appropriate intervals;
5. All exceptional placements are to be reported to the Superintendent.

The Superintendent shall promulgate regulations/procedures to implement this policy.

Legal Reference: TITLE 20-A MRSA Sec 5201.2 (B) (C)

Cross Reference: IKE- Promotion and Retention

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