

## SCHOOL ENTRANCE AGE

In general, parents are not encouraged to apply for early admission to kindergarten for their four-year-old children because it is felt that these formative years should be ones of exploration, small group interaction and freedom from excessive structure and stress.

Compulsory attendance shall be required of all children in accordance with RSA 193.1. The Fall Mountain Regional School District will maintain kindergartens for eligible pupils.

Children who will be six years of age on or before September 30 must be registered for school. The principal of each school will announce the time and place of registration annually in newspapers of general circulation.

Children who will be five years of age on or before September 30 may be registered for kindergarten under the same conditions as specified in the previous paragraph.

Any parent wishing to register a child who will not be five or six years old until the period between October 1 and December 31 of any year must have an evaluation administered by a certified evaluator at the parent's own expense to determine the child's readiness for kindergarten or first grade respectively. The results of such an evaluation will be forwarded to the placement team which will judge each case on its own merits as to the child's readiness to attend school.

### **Legal Reference:**

RSA 193:1, Duty of Parent; Compulsory Attendance by Pupil

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