

Policy: JGAA

**ASSIGNMENT OF STUDENTS TO CLASSES
FIVE-YEAR-OLDS**

Maine law permits children who are at least five years of age on October 15 of the school year to enroll in school. The intent is that students begin their school careers in Kindergarten at this age.

Exceptions to this initial placement may be justified under limited circumstances. In rare cases, enrolling five-year-old students may be placed in first grade at the discretion of District officials in accordance with the following:

- A. Social and emotional maturity should have been demonstrated such as to predict success in grade one,
- B. The decision of placement lies with the Building Principal; placement may be appealed to the Superintendent, whose decision shall be final,
- C. The District reserves the right to administer testing to make a proper determination of placement,
- D. Any such placement is to be conditioned upon demonstrated success and reviewed at appropriate intervals,
- E. A student who was enrolled in a public kindergarten in another state and was promoted to first grade may enroll in first grade,
- F. All exceptional placements are to be reported to the Superintendent.

The Superintendent or his or her designee shall develop procedures to implement this policy.

Legal Reference: 20-A MRSA 5201

Cross Reference: IKE - Promotion, and Retention of Students
JFAA - Admission of Resident Students
JFAB- Admission of Non-Resident Students

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