

## **Barrington Public Schools**

### **Eligibility Age for Attendance/Enrollment Policy**

Barrington Public Schools (BPS) eligibility for attendance/enrollment for kindergarten:  
Every child who has attained or will have attained five (5) years of age on or before September 1st of any school year shall be eligible to attend kindergarten in BPS during the school year.

BPS eligibility for attendance/enrollment for first grade:  
Every child who has attained or will have attained six (6) years of age on or before September 1st of any school year shall be eligible to attend first grade.

#### **Exceptions:**

Students who do not satisfy the age requirements for enrollment in kindergarten, but have reached the age of five (5) years by October 15th of any school year, may request an assessment to determine eligibility for early enrollment, in accordance with the guidance of Rhode Island Department of Education (RIDE).

Students who do not satisfy the requirements for enrollment in first (1<sup>st</sup>) grade may, at the discretion of the Superintendent, enter such grades in accordance with the guidance of RIDE if they have successfully completed an accredited kindergarten program.

#### Legal Reference

Rhode Island General Laws §§[16-2-27](#), [16-2-28](#) and [16-2-28.1](#)

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