

**Age of Initial Enrollment**

Students/Attendance

Kindergarten – Eligibility for attendance – Every child who has attained or will have attained five (5) years of age on or before September 1 of any school year shall be eligible to attend kindergarten during all the days that the kindergartens are in session in the School Department during said school year.

First Grade – Eligibility for attendance – Every child who has attained or will have attained six (6) years of age on or before September 1 of any school year shall be eligible to attend first grade during all the days that the public school systems are in session in the School Department during said school year. Every child shall be eligible to attend first grade only upon completion of a state recognized or accredited kindergarten program.

Students who do not satisfy the requirements for enrollment in kindergarten or first grade may, at the discretion of the Superintendent, enter such grades in accordance with the guidance of the Rhode Island Department of Education.

Legal Reference

Rhode Island General Laws §§16-2-27, 16-2-28 and 16-2-28.1

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