

North Stonington Elementary School

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Kindergarten Age Change Notice

As we gear up for Kindergarten registration in April 2026, we'd like to remind parents and guardians about a recent change in Connecticut Law, effective July 1, 2024, impacting the enrollment age for kindergarten students. According to [Public Act 23-208](#), starting from the 2024-2025 school year, all students must have turned five on or before September 1, 2026 to register for the 2026-2027 school year.

For families affected by this new enrollment cutoff, a state-mandated assessment process serves as the sole exception to the revised September 1 deadline.

In cases where a child won't reach the age of five by the first day of September in the school year but will be five on or before December 31, the child's parent or guardian has the option to submit a written request to the school principal, Mr. Cillino, seeking early admission to the District, in adherence to the state law. Per BOE Policy [5112](#), these requests must be made before March 1, 2026.

Upon receiving the written request, Mr. Cillino, along with qualified certified staff members, will schedule a time to assess the child to evaluate the developmental appropriateness of admission. The decision made by the principal and the designated certified staff regarding early admission to the District will be considered final.

These assessments are anticipated to take place at the elementary school before the close of the current school year.

Additional information from CSDE can be found [here](#).

Yours Truly,

Rob Cillino

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