

Request for Early Kindergarten Entrance Waiver Information

Woodbridge School District: Beecher Road School

Information for parents/guardians of children who will turn 5 between *September 2, 2024 & January 1, 2025*.

NEW! Beginning July 1, 2024, Section 3 of Public Act 23-159, as amended by Section 1 of Public Act 23-208, amends *Connecticut General Statutes § 10-15c* to require that children turn five years old on or before September 1 of the school year in order to enroll in kindergarten.

National longitudinal studies and our review of local longitudinal assessment data indicate that students who begin Kindergarten at 5 years old in September have statistically stronger performance than students who enter Kindergarten early.

Parents/guardians of children who are not five years old on or before September 1, 2024 may apply to be considered for early kindergarten entry by:

- A. Submitting a letter to the building principal requesting assessment waiver process AND
- B. Attending an assessment and information session with your child.

A decision regarding your request for early entry will be made following the assessment session. The parent(s)/guardian(s) will be emailed the decision in accordance with the timelines outlined below.

Request for early Kindergarten entrance timelines and process is as follows:

Wednesday, February 14, 2024	Written request to principal for assessment waiver process by families interested in early Kindergarten entry for children who are not 5 on or before September 1, 2024. All Requests for Early Kindergarten Entrance waivers must be received by February 14 for Fall 2024 enrollment consideration.
Friday, February 16, 2024	Assessment session attendance date/time emailed to parents(s)/guardian(s).
Tuesday, February 27, 2024	Student and parent(s)/guardian(s) are required to attend one assigned assessment session with district staff. While students are assessed, parent(s)/guardian(s) will complete an online questionnaire. Location of assessment and information session will be included in your confirmation receipt email.
Friday, March 15, 2024	Determination of request for early Kindergarten entry by exception to CT statute communicated with parent(s)/guardian(s) via email.

Parents/Guardians should NOT initiate registration for kindergarten until they have received a final waiver decision from the District.

We will be offering another assessment date in April and will be communicating with families about that date in the spring.

Any children who move into the district after the April assessment date and/or any children who require reassessment will be provided with a date in August, prior to the start of the school year.