## STUDENT ENTRANCE AGE

## **Background**

A student shall be admitted to Grade One if he/she has attained the full age of six years on or before December 31<sup>st</sup>, except for students attending school in Fairview who will have attained the full age of six years on or before September 1<sup>st</sup>, following the first instructional day of the school year; or if he/she has already commenced formal education, regardless of age.

When a parent requests early admission to the Grade One program for a child who will not have attained the full age of six years on or before December 31<sup>st</sup>, or in the case of child residing in the area served by St. Thomas More School in Fairview on or before September 1<sup>st</sup>, the following procedures will be observed:

## **Procedures**

- 1. The Principal shall interview the parents and the child.
- 2. The Principal willarrange to have the child assessed by the Early Learning Lead Teacher.

The final decision on placement will be made by the Director of Inclusive Education, who will inform the Principal. The Principal will then inform the parents.

The child is accepted for a thirty day (30) trial period. His/her readiness will be reviewed by the Kindergarten teacher at the end of this trial period.

Children who have not attained the full age of six years before February 1<sup>st</sup>, or December 31<sup>st</sup> for students attending St. Thomas More School in Fairview will not be admitted to the program.

Legal proof of birth must be shown at the time of registration for all students seeking entrance to Grade One.

Reference: Section 8, 13, 30, 60, School Act

Cross-Reference: Administrative Procedure 210 – Early Childhood Services