AGE OF ENTRANCE

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A pupil may enroll in kindergarten courses when his/her chronological age is four years and eleven months. A pupil may enroll in first grade courses when his/her chronological age is five years and 11 months unless the student has already successfully completed a kindergarten program. A birth certificate must be presented upon registration as proof of the date of birth.

Incoming transfer students in grades 2-8, inclusive, will be initially placed in accordance with the data forwarded by the sending School. Such placement is tentative and subject to reassignment by the CEO or his/her designee.

The Virtual Learning Academy Charter School will consider parental requests for early entrance into kindergarten or first grade. To determine a need for early enrollment, the child must have completed an evaluation administered by a certified evaluator(s). Both the evaluations and evaluators must be pre-approved by the Director of Full-Time Programs. The parent(s) will be responsible for both the scheduling and administration of the evaluation and all related expenses. The results of the evaluation will be forwarded to the Director of Full-Time Programs and will aid in determining the child's readiness for kindergarten or first grade, respectively. The evaluation and results must measure the child's social, emotional, physical, and academic abilities, placing them in the 90th percentile or above in all categorical areas. Based upon review of the evaluation results, the Director of Full-Time Programs will consult with the CEO to make the final decision.

If approved, early entry to kindergarten or first grade applies only to VLACS enrollment and does not guarantee any specific grade-level placement at the student's local public school or any other educational institution.

<u>Legal References:</u>

RSA 193:1, Duty of Parent; Compulsory Attendance by Pupil; NH Code of Administrative Rules, Ed 306.141(a)(3)

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