Brockton Public Schools
School Committee Policy

ENTRANCE AGE

1. Kindergarten:

The Brockton School Committee has established the following policy:

Any child who will be five years of age on or before December 31st may enter kindergarten in September of that year.

Entrance to kindergarten is at the parent's option. If a parent does not enter a child until age six, the parent may choose to enter the child in either grade one or kindergarten. If the child is placed in grade one and should have any difficulties, the grade one school will follow the procedure for Return of Grade One Children to Kindergarten.

2. First Grade:

Any child who will be six years of age on or before December 31st shall enter school in September of that year. A child whose sixth birthday comes after January first and before February 16th may enter the first grade when he/she becomes six years of age on four conditions:

a. If he/she has been a regular attendant from the beginning of the school year in the first grade classes of an approved private school.

b. If the private school teacher certifies in writing that his/her judgment the child is capable of doing first grade work.

c. If when the child becomes six years old, tests administered by the school psychologist show that the achievement and ability are such that he/she can do the work of the class. These tests are given at the School Department upon request of the parent.

d. If there is room in the first grade classes in the public schools.

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Board of Ed. Reg. for Entrance to grade 1 - 6 months and Kindergarten