



School Committee Policy:

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Kindergarten Placement

All Kindergarten students shall attend one of the current Kindergarten programs. Current programs include a 2-½ day program and a ½ day morning and ½ day afternoon sessions. ½ day programs switch mid-year (start in morning, mid-year students will be afternoon session). The decision as to initial placement shall be made by the principal according to the distribution of the residence of students and class size.

No student, once assigned to a specific session, shall be permitted to change sessions or to remain in the same session beyond the normal period of time unless one of the criteria listed below is met.

1. The residence of the child changes so as to necessitate, for transportation purposes, that the child be placed in the other session.
2. A child shall not be allowed to attend the morning or the afternoon session for the entire school year unless each of the following requirements are met:
 - a. The parent or guardian must submit to the principal a written statement requesting special consideration. The request should detail the alleged hardships involved and provide all necessary information so that the principal can consider the matter fully and fairly.
 - b. If the request is granted the parent must guarantee to provide round-trip transportation for the child during the session for which the assignment waiver was granted.
3. There are unusual circumstances which, in the best interest of the student, would necessitate a special assignment. Each individual request for a waiver shall be considered separately and a decision made by the Principal. The decision may be appealed to the Superintendent of Schools who will make the final decision.

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