



Dear Tolland Families,

March 2024

I am writing to inform you about new legislation regarding kindergarten entrance age in Connecticut. The Connecticut legislature recently passed PA 23-208, which changes the minimum age for entering kindergarten. Effective in the fall of 2024, under the new legislation, a child must turn **five years old on or before September 1st** of the academic year for which they are being registered. This is a change from the previous kindergarten enrollment birthdate cutoff of January 1st. The Tolland Public Schools are in compliance with this legislation.

If a parent/caregiver/guardian requests an enrollment exception, the school district will provide a process for assessing the child's readiness for Kindergarten. Determinations will be made by certified staff, and communicated by the Superintendent's office to families.

What if my child will be age five on or before September 1, 2024?

If your child is age eligible (turning five years old on or before September 1, 2024), you may begin registration in March 2024. You can access the registration page at https://www.tolland.k12.ct.us/DistrictOffices/register_student. For questions regarding registration please contact Candace de Loureiro at cdeloureiro@tolland.k12.ct.us/ 860-870-6818.

My child will not be age five by September 1, 2024 but will be age five by January 1, 2025.

What can I do?

If you have a child who will turn five after September 1, 2024, and **would like your child to be considered for early Kindergarten enrollment in Fall 2024**, please contact Candace de Loureiro at cdeloureiro@tolland.k12.ct.us/ 860-870-6818 **as soon as possible**. Once an appeal is initiated by speaking to Ms. de Loureiro, she will contact the family to schedule a collaborative meeting with the school administration to review the appeal request and assess the readiness of the child for Kindergarten.

Thank you for your cooperation and support,

Walter Willett
Superintendent of Schools