

**ADMITTANCE OF CHILDREN YOUNGER THAN 5 YEARS OLD  
TO KINDERGARTEN**

The Bristol Virginia School Board will consider the admittance of children who have not yet reached their fifth birthday by September 30 to kindergarten under the following conditions:

- (1) The parent of the child must request in writing to the superintendent that the child be considered for admission to kindergarten.
- (2) The child must be five years of age by no later than October 31, and must be a resident of Bristol, Virginia.
- (3) The child must be evaluated by the school psychologist and the personnel in the school in which zone the child resides, under criteria described below.
- (4) The evaluating personnel will make a recommendation to the superintendent/designee as to whether the child should be admitted to kindergarten.
- (5) No tuition will be charged to children who are approved to attend kindergarten.

The evaluation process will be coordinated between the school division psychologist, the school principal and a kindergarten teacher. Areas that will be assessed include, but are not limited to: cognitive, language, gross motor, fine motor, social, emotional and self help. These areas may be assessed utilizing formal test instruments, observations, and parental interviews. After the assessment, results will be discussed by the superintendent/designee, principal, school psychologist, and the parent(s). The superintendent/designee will then act on the recommendation.

**Adopted: by the Bristol Virginia School Board on January 18, 1999.**

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Legal Ref.: 22.1-5, Regulations Concerning Admission of Certain Persons to School – Tuition Charges; 22.1-199, Kindergarten Programs Suitable for Certain Children