

Admission

All students who reside in Portsmouth and who have attained the minimum age for admission are eligible to be admitted and to attend school in Portsmouth. Admission decisions will be made in accordance with RSA 193:12.

Legal Residence Required:

Proof of legal residence in Portsmouth or in a SAU #50 town shall be a condition of admission of students into school in Portsmouth. In addition, a certificate of residency shall be filed annually by the parent or legal guardian of each student enrolled in a school in Portsmouth.

Minimum Age Requirement:

Students will generally be admitted into kindergarten if they will have attained the age of 5 by September 30 and to Grade 1 if they will have attained the age of 6 by September 30.

Parents who wish to request an exception from the minimum age requirement may make a request in writing to the Superintendent of Schools. The Superintendent will consider all relevant information, including input from the building principal, when considering an exception to the minimum age requirements. The decision of the Superintendent shall be final.

Class Assignment:

Students will be placed at the grade level to which they are best adjusted academically, socially and emotionally after consultation with teachers, staff and parents.

SAU #50 Students:

Students from towns that comprise SAU #50 (Newington, New Castle, Rye and Greenland) admission is authorized pursuant to and AREA (Authorized Regional Area Enrollment Agreement) agreement between SAU #50 and the Portsmouth School Department authorized by RSA-A. The method of calculating the per pupil cost for tuition purposes will be in accordance with applicable State law.