

## **4070 Enrollment in Kindergarten Programs**

Policy 4070

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### *ENROLLMENT IN KINDERGARTEN PROGRAMS*

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#### Description:

The Board of Education encourages parents of students eligible for enrolling in Kindergarten to do this at the earliest year of eligibility.

The Board recognizes that there may be some parents who believe that delaying the entry of their child for one year will be in the best interest of the child.

Principals are expected to circulate current research based information to their communities concerning early intervention programs to help parents make an informed decision.

The Board encourages parents concerned about the readiness of their child for kindergarten to access professional services from the school district to help parents have their child better prepared for kindergarten.

Parents who choose to delay the entry of their child to kindergarten must enroll their child in kindergarten or in grade one in the year following the first year of eligibility for kindergarten.

Should a situation arise where parents and or the teacher feel a child is not coping with enrollment in kindergarten, they should have a conversation(s) with the school principal. Parents have until December 1<sup>st</sup> of that school year to withdraw their child until the subsequent year.

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Description:

Principals and teachers are to remain current concerning research on early learning and intervention programs.

Principals are to keep their communities, preschools, other agencies and their teachers informed of current research in early learning programs.

Kindergarten classrooms are to be structured with play-based learning activities prevailing as the overarching pedagogical practice.