

Canterbury Elementary School

2025 Process for Requests for Kindergarten Waivers

In 2024, the State of CT changed the law regarding the age that a child may enter kindergarten. Students are now required to be 5 years old by September 1, 2025 to enter kindergarten in September.

Families are allowed to request a waiver if their child is born between 9/1/25 and 12/31/25 by clicking on this link and filling out the google form:

<https://forms.gle/Lhk4yf7wSuCk4LjT9>

The deadline to request a waiver is May 6, 2025.

Based on these requests, we will screen the child and include the family's observations and feedback about the child. After the screening, the principal will meet with families to discuss the results of the screening and the final decision of the team. The team is made up of the principal, kindergarten teachers, our social worker and school psychologist.

Students will be screened with the Brigance Screener for 5 year olds and with a checklist of social emotional skills aligned to the standards housed in the CT DOTs (The CT framework for early childhood development). We are looking for the students entering kindergarten to be meeting the age 5 benchmarks. Students registering after May 6, 2025 will be assigned to grade level of PK or K by birth date only.