

Kindergarten Age Eligibility Waiver

February 2024

In accordance with Section 1 of PA 23-208, which amends Section 10-15c of the Connecticut General Statutes effective July 1, 2024, public schools shall be open to all children five years of age and over who reach age five on or before the first day of September of any school year.

If the child is not eligible for enrollment, the child's parents or legal guardians can apply for a waiver to enroll their student in school. Waiver deadlines and other information are as follows:

- ✓ Families with children turning five after the set date and before December 31st may complete and submit a waiver to the building principal by March 25, 2024.
- ✓ The waiver application will be available on the school website to be downloaded, completed, and submitted to the building principal by 4:00PM on March 25, 2024.
- ✓ Submission may be done:
 - In-person in the school's office
 - By email attachment
 - kchavez@chaplinschool.org
 - Subject line- Kindergarten waiver application
 - By mail
 - C/O Kevin Chavez
240 Palmer Road
Chaplin, CT 06235

Upon completion of the written application, parents or legal guardians will schedule a morning to bring their child to school for an observation period with peers in the Chaplin Pre-K class. Prior to May 24.

Families will receive communication from the building administrator with a decision regarding early entrance by June 3, 2024.

Resources for parents/guardians:

CT ELDS Strategies for Learning at Home- <https://www.ctoec.org/ct-elds-strategies-for-learning-at-home/> "The documents found on this website include strategies to support learning at home and in the community. The strategies focus on activities that are likely to be part of daily routines."

Sparkler is an early development tool for children (0-5) and families in CT. You can use the app to check in on your child's development and have access to a library with over 1000 play activities for your child at their age level. <https://playsparkler.org/connecticut/>

At Chaplin Elementary School, we strive to cultivate a strong, collaborative school climate and culture that is focused on high academic development and achievement for all students- high standards for curriculum implementation and student learning.