

## 5002: KINDERGARTEN PLACEMENT (AP)

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### POLICY

**Policy 500 and its various appendices outline the regulations, timelines and documentation required to register a student in School District 70 (Alberni). This Administrative Procedure clarifies the placement of students entering school for the first time pursuant to Sections 3(1) and 3(2) of the School Act. Further, this Administrative Procedure is based on a belief in age-appropriate placement and non-retention of students kindergarten through Grade 7, and recognizes the wide range of children’s social, emotional, behavioural and intellectual skills and abilities upon entering school for the first time.**

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### REGULATIONS

Section 3(1) of the School Act requires all children to be registered in school “...on the first school day of a school year if, on or before December 31 of that school year, the person will have reached the age of 5 years.”

Section 3(2) of the School Act applies to situations where a five-year old child is not registered in school and where the parent “...defers the enrolment of his or her child until the first school day of the next school year.”

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### ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES

- 1.0 As per Section 3(1) above, first time registrants who are five-years old on or before December 31 will be registered as a kindergarten student and placed in a kindergarten or kindergarten/Grade 1 class.
- 2.0 As per Section 3(2) above, first time registrants who are six-years old on or before December 31 will be registered as a Grade 1 student and placed in a Kindergarten/Grade 1 or Grade 1 class as appropriate and available.
  - 2.1 Student performance will be reviewed in the Spring of year 1 and prior to grade placement for the subsequent year.
  - 2.2 Any grade placement that differs from the child’s age cohort will be made by the Superintendent (or designate) in consultation with the school principal.