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ASSIGNMENTS OF STUDENTS TO CLASSES AND GRADE LEVELS KINDERGARTEN TO GRADE 8

GUIDELINES:

When a child enrolls in Pembina Trails School Division, the decision of the principal shall be final regarding placement of students at a grade level. This also applies to reassigning of students within classes.

Educators use professional judgment when determining the grade level placement of students. This includes but is not limited to: social-emotional development and mastery of concepts. To that end, the division believes that students' best interests are typically best served when they are placed in learning groupings that include age-appropriate peers.

In keeping with the <u>Appropriate Educational Programming in Manitoba, Standards for Student Services</u> (Manitoba Education and Early Childhood Learning, 2022) the first and foremost consideration in the placement of all students is the right to attend the designated catchment school for their residence in a regular classroom with their peers or in a program designated by the school board if the catchment school does not provide it. This guideline applies equally to the three provincially recognized programs offered in Pembina Trails School Division: English, French Immersion, and Senior Years Technology Education.

The Division supports the valuable experience of the Kindergarten year for all students. In accordance with <u>Policy JEB</u>, admission and regular attendance shall be compulsory commencing the first day of the school year in which the child reaches the seventh (7th) birthday on or before December 31 of that calendar year. To be eligible to enter Kindergarten in September, the fifth birthday of a child must occur before December 31 of that school year. The decision of the principal shall be final regarding placement of students at a grade level.

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