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Dear Cromwell Public Schools Families,

Recently, the Connecticut Legislature changed the entry age for Kindergarten from January 1st to September 1st. We realize that decisions that are made for our youngest students are often made very early and the new legislation (Public Act 23-208) might make the process a bit more difficult for families to manage. We wanted to send out some clarifying information so that you can better make those decisions moving forward.

The dates below outline the birthdays for students enrolling in the 2024-2025 school year:

Dates of birth for Kindergarten enrollment: 9/1/2018-8/31/2019 Dates of birth for Pre-K enrollment: 9/1/2019-8/31/2020

The current legislation provides an option for parents to request a waiver to be allowed into school based on a holistic assessment of the student's academic, social, physical, health, behavioral, and communication skills through the use of a screener to assess development in these areas. With the submission of the request for screening, families should complete the Sparkler ASQ and ASQ-SE Questionnaires so that we can gather some data from the family as part of the holistic assessment to better inform placement decisions. The Sparkler/ASQ Questionnaires can be accessed here or by scanning the QR code below. We have created a Google Form to streamline the process. Once the Google Form and the questionnaires have been completed, we will schedule a screening for your child.

Cromwell Public Schools has established the following timeline for screening students for early enrollment. For families that inform the district as of March 1, 2024 that they would like their students considered for early enrollment, students will be screened in mid-March. If families inform the district of their desire to have the district screen their students for early enrollment after March 1, 2024, those students will be screened in May. In order to be considered for a waiver, please let the district know by May 1, 2024 that you would like your child screened for early enrollment and complete the two online Sparkler/Ages and Stages screening questionnaires.

Please don't hesitate to reach out to Lucille DiTunno, Principal at Edna C. Stevens School, at 860-632-4866 or laditunno@cromwell.k12.ct.us.

Sincerely,

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Sparkler Ages and Stages QuestionnairesUse Access Code CROMWELLFAM

Parental Request for Early Enrollment Form



