

**MESSALONSKEE SCHOOL DISTRICT (MSAD 47)**

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**ADMISSION OF RESIDENT STUDENTS**

Screening Procedure for Students Entering Kindergarten

The schools will follow a screening procedure for kindergarten which will allow the school staff to schedule children more effectively in accordance with their individual needs.

Reason for the Procedures:

Each year, approximately 10% of students enter school with handicapping conditions. It generally takes a year or more to identify these children, during which time they slip behind in terms of academic, social and emotional development. This lag continues through the grades, and often becomes compounded as time progresses.

Objective of Screening:

The staff intends to identify handicapped children very early, plan programs and placement according to their needs, and make every effort to keep the children progressing according to normal peer group standards.

Procedures:

Traditional registration will be conducted at various schools during April and May. A team consisting of assistant director of special services, physical therapist, occupational therapist, speech pathologist, special educator, principal, kindergarten teacher, and nurse will seek to identify developmentally disabled children or children who lack normal school readiness.

Board policy requests that each child entering kindergarten has a medical examination, birth certificate, and school health record detailing immunization procedures as outlined in the Maine state law before starting school. Forms for such examination will be available at the time of registration.