

- ❖ In Quebec, students must be 5 years old on or before September 30, 2025 in order to attend kindergarten in the fall of 2025
- ❖ Under certain conditions, specified by the Quebec Ministry of Education (M.E.Q.), students may begin kindergarten or Cycle 1.1 early, through a process called “Derogation”. These conditions are contained in the Education Act:
 - Students identified as “advanced” by the M.E.Q. (students with advanced intellectual, social, emotional, and psychomotor skills as deemed by a psychologist) may be granted **Early Admission Derogation**
 - Students identified as “handicapped” by the M.E.Q. (as outlined in the Organization of Educational Services for At-Risk Students and Students with Handicaps, Social Maladjustments or Learning Difficulties) may be granted **Special Education Derogation**.

Parent Information Evening

Understanding the Process to Request “Early Admission Derogation”

Parents are strongly encouraged to attend the Parent Information Evening before deciding to apply for early admission to school. Please note: this session does not address the Special Education Derogation Process. If you have any questions about special education please email hcarriere@wqsb.qc.ca

Monday, January 20, 2025 - 7:00 pm
Via Teams

The following questions will be addressed:

1. What is derogation?
2. Who is eligible to apply for derogation?
3. What are the requirements for qualifying for derogation?
4. What constitutes “school readiness” for Kindergarten?
5. Why does my child need a psychological assessment to complete the application?
6. How do I apply?
7. What to do if my school has a K4 program?
8. A brief question and answer period will follow.

**To register for this session, please contact
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