

- ❖ 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**.

Early Admission Derogation Process - Information for Parents

1. If you have not already done so, please ensure your child has Bill 101 approval (certificate of Eligibility to English Education) and is eligible to attend Western Québec School Board (WQSB) schools. Please see your catchment school.
2. An Information Evening for Early Admission Derogation will be held for parents via Teams on **January 20, 2025 – 7:00 pm**. Please register with Helen Carriere: hcarriere@wqsb.qc.ca 819-684-2336 x 560006. We strongly advise any interested parents to attend. Please note: This session does not address the Special Education Derogation Process. See below for information regarding this type of Derogation.
3. When registering your child at the school in your catchment, please advise them that you are seeking early entry to kindergarten. You will be asked to complete and sign the “Parent Request for Early Admission Derogation”.
4. An assessment completed by a psychologist is required, to confirm advanced skills. When choosing the psychologist to assess your child, please ensure that the professional is a Child Psychologist, registered in Quebec, who tests for Early Entry into Kindergarten/Derogation. A list of area psychologists is available from L’Ordres des psychologues du Québec: 1-800-363-2644 or www.ordrepsy.qc.ca
5. The completed request form along with a copy of the psychological report should be submitted to the Western Quebec School Board
Please send by email to hcarriere@wqsb.qc.ca
Deadline for receipt of request & report: May 16, 2025
6. All Early Admission requests are reviewed by a Committee. Final decisions will be made during the week of **May 30, 2025**. Questions should be addressed to *Helen Carriere*: hcarriere@wqsb.qc.ca 819-684-2336 x 560006.

➤ Special Education Derogation Process - Information for Parents

If you feel your child may meet criteria for a Special Education Derogation, please contact *Helen Carriere*: hcarriere@wqsb.qc.ca 819-684-2336 x 560006.