

- In Quebec, students must be 5 years old on or before September 30, 2018 in order to attend kindergarten in the fall of 2018
- Under certain conditions, specified by the Quebec Ministry of Education (M.E.E.S.), 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.E.S. (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.E.S. (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 and is eligible to attend Western Québec School Board (WQSB) Schools. Please contact *Sabrina Crawford*: scrawford@wqsb.qc.ca 819-684-1313 x1155.
2. An Information Evening will be held for parents at the Western Quebec School Board on **February 5th, 2018 – 7:00 pm**. Video-conferencing will be available for parents outside of the Gatineau region. Please register with *Wendy Routliffe*: wroutliffe@wqsb.qc.ca , 819-684-1313 x1163. We strongly advise any interested parents to attend. **Please note: this is an information session for parents only; your child does not need to attend.**
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 Letter of Request for Early Admission to School (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
Please note the student must be assessed in English
5. The completed application form along with a copy of the psychological report should be submitted to either the school in your catchment, or directly to the Western Quebec School Board: *Attention Wendy Routliffe*
Deadline for receipt of application &report: May 15, 2018
6. All Early Admission requests are reviewed by a Committee. Final decisions will be sent to parents during the week of **May 28, 2018**. Questions should be addressed to *Lisa Falasconi*: lfalasconi@wqsb.qc.ca 819-684-1313 x1107.

Special Education Derogation Process - Information for Parents

If you feel your child may meet criteria for a Special Education Derogation, please contact *Lisa Falasconi*: lfalasconi@wqsb.qc.ca 819-684-1313 x1107.