

- In Quebec, students must be 5 years old on or before September 30, 2017 in order to attend kindergarten in the fall of 2017
- Under certain conditions, specified by the Quebec Ministry of Education (M.E.E.S.R.), students may begin kindergarten or Cycle 1.1 early. These conditions are contained in the Education Act.
- Students identified as “handicapé” by the M.E.E.S.R. (young students presenting with serious developmental delays) may often be granted early admission as a Special Education derogation.
- All requests for Early Admission to School are handled through an application process call “derogation”.

The 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 or 800-363-9111 x1155
2. An Information Evening will be held for parents at the Western Quebec School Board.
Derogation Parent Information Evening: January 16th, 2017 – 7:00 pm. Video-conferencing will be available for parents outside of the Gatineau region. Please register with Wendy Routliffe at wroutliffe@wqsb.qc.ca , 819-684-1313 x1163 or 800-363-9111 x1163
3. When registering your child at the school in your catchment, please advise them that you are seeking early entry to kindergarten. (Families in the Aylmer sector should contact *Sabrina Crawford* directly). You will be asked to complete and sign the “Parent Letter of Request for Early Admission to School (Derogation)”.
Deadline for Derogation Requests: March 31/17
4. An assessment completed by a psychologist is required for a Derogation. 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, <http://www.ordrepsy.qc.ca/en/public/find-a-professional-2/results-and-filters.sn>
***Please note the student must be assessed in English**
5. Certified copies of the psychological report should be submitted to either the school in your catchment, or directly to the Western Quebec School Board: *Beth Burn, Director of Complementary Services*.
Deadline for receipt of psychological reports: April 28/17
6. All applications and assessment requests are reviewed by a Committee. Final decisions regarding derogation requests will be forwarded to parents during the **week of May 29, 2017**. Questions should be addressed to *Beth Burn* at bburn@wqsb.qc.ca or 819-684-1313 x1107
7. If you choose to **withdraw** from the derogation process after the information session or any time thereafter, please inform *Wendy Routliffe*.