



Parent Info Night
February 2, 2012

Early Admission to School Derogation Information for Parents
Deadline for Derogation Application is March 31, 2012.

- In Quebec, students must be 5 years old on or before September 30, 2012 in order to attend kindergarten in the fall of 2012. **Even if your child turns 5 on the 1st of October, 2012, the Québec Ministry of Education (Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport: M.E.L.S.) requires a derogation.**
- Under certain conditions specified by the M.E.L.S. 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.L.S. (young students presenting with serious developmental delays) may often be granted early admission. Contact Beth Burn, Coordinator of Complementary Services, for further information if you believe your child may qualify:
bburn@wqsb.qc.ca 819-684-1313 x1107 or 800-363-9111 x 1107

All requests for Early Admission to School are handled through an application process called a “derogation”. Please contact your local (catchment) school for a derogation application. Completed applications must be at your catchment School before March 31, 2012. The school will then forward your application to the board.

Before deciding to apply for early admission, parents are strongly urged to attend an information evening entitled *STARTING SCHOOL EARLY* to be held on Thursday, February 2, 2012: 7:00 pm Western Québec School Board

15, rue Katimavik, Gatineau (secteur Aylmer) QC J9J 0E9 819-684-2336

This session will be given by: Marian Lothian, Ph.D., Director of Education and Rebecca Nemiroff, Ph. D., Psychologist

At this session, the following questions will be addressed:

1. What constitutes “school readiness”? What does the research tell us?
2. What are the guidelines for qualifying for early admission?
3. Why does my child need a psychological assessment to complete the derogation application?
4. How do I apply?

A brief question and answer period will follow.

To register for this session contact:

Chantel Hutter at 819-684-1313 ext. 1113 800-363-9111 x1113
or chutter@wqsb.qc.ca

If you wish to register your child for a psychological evaluation at the Western Québec School Board, please register with Chantel Hutter. Cost is \$395.00 and assessments will be conducted in March and April.