



The Salem Public Schools Carlton School

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Dear Potential Carlton Families,

Welcome! We are looking forward to getting to know you next year. As you know we believe that children should have an individualized experience, and we have designed a school program that embodies that belief. You can find more details in the Carlton Continuous Progress Innovation School Plan on our website. All student assignments to Carlton will follow the Salem School Committee's School Assignment Policy. We will admit kindergarten students three times a year, (fall, winter, and spring,) at the beginning of each new trimester as set by the School Committee annually.

Please see the chart below for age requirements:

Fall Trimester	Winter Trimester	Spring Trimester
All Kindergarten students who are 5 years old by August 31st	All Kindergarten students who are 5 years old between September 1st and November 30th	All Kindergarten students who are 5 years old between December 1st and February 28th

Students transferring into Carlton at a grade other than kindergarten will use the following age guidelines for placement:

Traditional Grade	Carlton Team	Age Range	Average number of Trimesters
1 & 2	Primary 2 (P2)	6.0-9.0	6
3	Elementary 1 (E1)	8.0-10.0	3-4
4 & 5	Elementary 2 (E2)	9.0-12.0	6

Transfer students who may be on the cusp of a team level will be invited to visit for a day and will be asked to participate in a series of assessments to determine the appropriate team level.

Again we are very excited about your interest in the Carlton. We believe that a strong family and school partnership is critical to the success of our children and we have established guidelines for our partnership. Please read the Family & School Compact that's included in your Kindergarten Packet, return one signed copy and keep a copy for your reference.

Sincerely,

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