

**GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU & KASHMIR**  
**DIRECTORATE OF SCHOOL EDUCATION, JAMMU**  
**Muthi Camp, Jammu -181205**

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**Sub: Age criteria for admission in class 1<sup>st</sup> academic session 2023-24.**

**C I R C U L A R**

A large number of complaints have been received from parents regarding denial of admission to their wards by various schools in class 1<sup>st</sup> on the plea that the age of their wards is less than 06 years and as per National Education Policy 2020, the age for admission in class 1<sup>st</sup> should be 06 years. As per the past practice, the children have got admitted at the age of 2+ years in nursery class and such students have completed three years in the pre-primary level and are now in the age group of 5+ years. Withholding their admission by a year will attribute to loss of an academic year, as they are due for admission in class 1<sup>st</sup> in the session 2023-24.

In view of the above, the matter has been examined after considering the concerns of all the stakeholders, notifications issued by various State Govts. & series of deliberations. It has been decided to gradually implement the NEP and relax the age criteria for admission to class 1<sup>st</sup> for the academic session 2023-24, in view of the transition period. Accordingly, the students who have completed two / three years in the pre-primary classes, as the case may be, and have attained the age of more than 5 years as on 31<sup>ST</sup> March, 2023, shall be admitted in the Ist Class in the academic session 2023-24.

  
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1. Principal Secretary to Government, School Education Department Civil Sectt. Jammu/Srinagar for kind information and confirmation of the action taken.
2. Joint Director (All) for information.
3. All Chief Education Officers/Principal's DIET's/Dy. CEOs of Jammu Division for information and necessary action.
4. All Zonal Education Officers of Jammu Division for information and necessary action.
5. I/c computer section to upload on the official website.
6. Office Record file.