

5055 Enrollment in Kindergarten

A child shall be eligible for admission into kindergarten at the beginning of the school year if the child is five years of age or will be five years of age on or before July 31 of the calendar year in which the school year for which the child is seeking admission begins. The School Board may admit a child who will reach the age of five years on or after August 1 and on or before October 15 of such school year if the parent or guardian requests such an entrance and provides an affidavit stating that

- (i) the child attended kindergarten in another jurisdiction in the current school year;
- (ii) (ii) the family anticipates a relocation to another jurisdiction that would allow admission within the current year; or
- (iii) (iii) the child has demonstrated through a recognized assessment procedure approved by the School Board that the child is capable of carrying the work of kindergarten.

Early Admission to Kindergarten:

The following assessment procedure for determining if a child is capable of carrying the work of kindergarten is approved and shall be made available to interested persons:

The kindergarten early entrance assessment procedures are designed to identify and place in kindergarten those children who:

- Will turn 5 years of age between August 1 and October 15;
- Are deemed by the parents or guardians as being intellectually advanced and likely to benefit from advanced grade placement;
- Are selected on the basis of testing by professionals trained to administer the assessments that will produce evident of strength determined by achieving a rubric score of 80% or higher on the following assessments:
 - Peabody Picture Vocabulary Test – 4th edition (PPVT4)
 - Social Skills Improvement System (SSIS)
 - Expressive Vocabulary Test (EVT)
 - Teacher Interview Rubric
 - Teaching Strategies GOLD or other child outcome measure (if applicable)
 - Other information collected from the parent questionnaire will also be considered

The assessments will be administered by the School District's professional staff, ESU, or the parents or guardians may, at their own expense, have one of the required assessments completed by reputable professionals and submit the results of such assessments to the School District.

Parents will be notified in writing of the results of the Early Kindergarten Entrance assessment procedures and the determination of the School District in a timely fashion; not to exceed three weeks after the assessments are complete.

Families who seek early admission of their child into kindergarten must obtain an Early Entrance to Kindergarten Packet from the School District Administrative Office. The Early Entrance to Kindergarten Packet must be completed and returned to the School District Administrative Office no later than March 15th of the spring before fall enrollment to allow the assessment to be completed.

Decisions regarding early kindergarten entrance must include consideration of the above and shall not be made based on race, color, gender, religion, ancestry, national origin, marital status, age, disability or sexual orientation of the child or the child's parent or guardians. School districts factors, such as capacity, may also be considered.

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