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Early Entrance**

A student attaining age five on or before September 1 qualifies for kindergarten. A student attaining age six on or before September 1 but prior to November 15 qualifies for first grade. Students whose birthdays occur after September 1 but prior to November 15 may be considered for early entrance. The following procedures will be used to determine eligibility for early entrance:

1. A written request for early kindergarten/first-grade entrance must be completed by a parent by May 1. The receipt of this request and the receipt of formal evaluation results will activate the consideration for early entry;
2. If the request is made by May 1, the district will conduct a cognitive assessment prior to July 1. If the student performs at or above the 85th percentile, the district will coordinate additional testing required, including:
 - a. Affective (social/emotional); and
 - b. Physical.

Test scores should be at or above the 85th percentile, which is required to meet the talented and gifted standard.

3. The director of student services will review the test information with appropriate staff and make recommendations to the superintendent or designee. Parents will be notified within two weeks of receipt of test results.

Alternatively:

1. Parents can provide the district with testing results from a qualified private examiner for consideration at least three weeks prior to the start of school. In this case, it is the parent's responsibility to secure and pay for testing by a qualified examiner;
2. Three areas that must be tested include:
 - a. Cognitive (intelligence);
 - b. Affective (social/emotional); and
 - c. Physical.

Test scores should be at or above the 85th percentile, which is required to meet the talented and gifted standard.

3. The director of student services will review the test information with appropriate staff and make recommendations to the superintendent or designee;
4. Parents will be notified within two weeks of receipt of test results;
5. A written appeal can be made by the parents to the superintendent, which will activate an early entrance committee. Members of that committee will be: a kindergarten/first-grade teacher, a speech and language pathologist, a school psychologist, and a principal of the resident school. The superintendent may affirm, reverse or modify the early entry committee's decision. A decision will be made within 10 days of receiving the written appeal.