

Early Entrance into the Kindergarten**

Readiness for school is a most significant part of a good educational experience, as school life should generally be a pleasant experience for students. Several factors contribute to the combination of skills that add up to readiness. Any student considered for early entry into kindergarten in the district will be evaluated in three areas. The areas of testing include:

1. Cognitive abilities of the student (intelligence);
2. Affective skills demonstrated by the student (social/emotional);
3. Physical capabilities of the student.

Procedure

A parent or guardian of the student seeking entry into kindergarten prior to his/her fifth birthday must fill out an application for early entry into kindergarten. The application for the waiver must be made to the superintendent prior to May 1st of the year preceding the early entry. Completion of the forms will activate the early entrance screening committee.

Upon receipt of the application, the principal will schedule the screening committee and notify the parent/guardian concerning the arrangements made for readiness testing. The test will be completed prior to the end of school of the year preceding entry. A fee may be assessed if testing is required outside the normal workday of the screening committee staff.

The screening committee is made up of classroom teachers, special education representative, and the principal. This committee will review the test information and make recommendations to waive or not waive the age requirement based on the evidence related to readiness of the student to enter kindergarten.

The parent/guardian will be notified by the principal of the results of the screening test and the recommendation. The principal will notify the parent/guardian in writing of the status of the early entry waiver for their student prior to July 1st. Appeals must be submitted in writing to the superintendent within 30 days of notification.

REQUEST FOR EARLY ENTRANCE INTO KINDERGARTEN

Date of request: _____

Students Name: _____

Student's Date of Birth: _____

I request that my child be evaluated for early admission to kindergarten. I understand that I am responsible for any and all cost of the early admission evaluation.

I agree to have _____ evaluated in the following areas:

1. Cognitive (intelligence);
2. Affective (social/emotional);
3. Physical.

I understand that the test scores must be in the top 95 percentile for a five year old in all areas of assessment.

Parent signature

Date