

Cove School District 15

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Early Entrance**

A student will be admitted to kindergarten if his/her fifth birthday occurs on or before September 1, as established by law, or if he/she is a kindergarten student transferring from a public school in another district.

Early entrance may be allowed for students whose fifth birthday occurs after September 1, and whose needs would best be met in the school program based on an analysis by qualified professional staff of the student's:

1. Social development;
2. Physical development;
3. Cognitive development.

Any costs incurred for testing students who are candidates for early admission will be the responsibility of the parent requesting early admission.

A student who enters kindergarten early may not, automatically, advance to the first grade. The decision will be made based on analysis using the above stated criteria.

The superintendent shall identify screening processes and instruments which will provide a dependable assessment of preceding criteria.

The student will be admitted into the first grade if his/her sixth birthday occurs on or before September 1.

The Board recognizes that certain students may be suited to enter first grade earlier than their peers. Therefore the Board recognizes that, if students attain the age of six years on or before December 1, they are eligible to be considered for early entry to first grade. Parents or guardians wishing to have their student(s) considered for early entry will:

1. Request in writing early entry to the superintendent. The request should include legal name, birth date and reasons for requesting early entry;
2. Furnish recommendations from preschool or kindergarten teachers and/or examples of the student's work and evidence of maturity.

The superintendent and staff will evaluate the student. The decision will be based on documentation furnished by the parents, personal interviews and test results. The parents may be asked to attend the screening session. The superintendent will evaluate the student's level of:

1. Social development;
2. Physical development;
3. Cognitive development.

The criteria for early entry shall be minimum norms representing the 5th year, 10th month level in all four areas of assessment.

The district may establish a fee representative of all or part or the actual costs of the assessment.

The parents will meet with the evaluation team which may include, but is not limited to, a school psychologist and selected teachers to discuss recommendations. If the parents disagree with the results of the evaluation, they may request a hearing with the superintendent.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 327.006](#)

[ORS 336.095](#)

[ORS 339.115](#)

[ORS 343.395](#)