

Creswell School District 40

Code: **JEBA**

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Entrance Age/Early Entrance**

Children entering first grade for the first time during the fall term shall be deemed to be six years of age if their birthday occurs on or before the dates provided in Oregon Revised Statutes. The age for students to enter kindergarten will be one year less than that for first grade.

Early Admission

The district recognizes that there are rare exceptions to the September 1 deadline for school entrance for five year olds. Such children occasionally will succeed or even excel within the public school environment. Generally, these children are physically, socially and intellectually advanced for their age. The district will consider school admission of younger children whose birthdates would fall after September 1. The impetus for consideration for early admission shall come from the parent through a formal written request submitted to the appropriate principal.

To be eligible for early admission, it must be clearly shown that the child has reached a sufficient level of physical, social and cognitive development to profit from schooling. The criteria for determining sufficient maturity will be scores at the 97th percentile or above as measured by objective tests administered by a trained school psychologist. The instruments used are to include valid and reliable measures of academic readiness, ability, language skills, social maturity and visual-motor integration.

Results are to be submitted to the building principal no later than August 1 of the school year for which early enrollment is being sought. Any deviation from this requirement will result in refusal of early placement. A multidisciplinary team consisting of the building principal, learning leader and at least one kindergarten teacher will review the results submitted and make a recommendation to the superintendent. Students meeting the criteria specified will be permitted early entry on a space available basis.

Successful kindergarten experience is a requirement for early admission to first grade.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 327.006](#)

[ORS 336.095](#)

[ORS 339.115](#)

[ORS 343.395](#)