

# Fern Ridge School District 28J

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## Early Entrance\*\*

At the time of initial enrollment, parents or guardians must verify the student's age by presentation of either their birth certificate or hospital record or baptismal certificate or other verifiable official documents.

A student is considered six years of age and will be admitted into a public school if his/her sixth birthday occurs on or before September 1. A student whose sixth birthday occurs after that date may be admitted to the first grade if he/she has maintained regular attendance in any grade of a public full-time school during the entire school term.

A student will be admitted to kindergarten if his/her fifth birthday occurs on or before September 1 or is a kindergarten student transferring from a public school in another district. Early entry into kindergarten may be allowed for a student based on an analysis by qualified district professional staff member of the student's cognitive development, physical development, and social skills development based on the Kindergarten Readiness Test (KRT) and observations/interactions with the child.

To be in compliance with the law, the district will employ standardized instruments administered and interpreted by professional educators trained to understand and evaluate student growth and development. Results of the testing will be shared with the parent(s) or guardian by qualified staff.

In order to qualify for early entry exception evaluation, the student must meet all of the following criteria:

1. Be five years old as of midnight October 1; and
2. Achieve a score at or above the 85th percentile on the total (overall) readiness tests 1-6 and no more than: (1) marginal/low; or (2) readiness ratings on all subtests.

The examiner will present all the testing data to the building principal with recommendations to admit or not to admit as determined by the data. A district staff member will notify the parent and the superintendent of the early entrance assessment results, stating the determination to admit or have the child wait until the legal age requirement is reached.

If the parent wishes to appeal the decision, this appeal process may be accomplished according to the procedures outlined in the administrative regulation. Superintendent's decision is final upon appeal.

END OF POLICY

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### Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 327.006](#)  
[ORS 336.092](#)

[ORS 336.095](#)  
[ORS 339.115](#)

[ORS 343.395](#)  
SB 321 (2015)