

### **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 may be enrolled in first grade if his/her (6th) sixth birthday occurs on or before September 1, as established by law. In addition, a student whose (6th) sixth birthday occurs after that date may be admitted to the first grade if he she:

1. Is a first grade student transferring from a public school in another district, or from a private school;
2. Completed a successful year in a public kindergarten the previous year and would be continuing his/her formal education.

A student will be enrolled in kindergarten if they are (5) five-years-old on or before September 1, or is an active kindergarten student transferring from a public school in another district. Exemptions for early entry to kindergarten may be made based on an analysis by qualified district professional staff member of the student's cognitive and social skills functioning based on Early Childhood System- Developing Skills Checklist (DSC) results.

To be in compliance with the law, the district will employ standardized instruments administered and interpreted by professional educators specially 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, cost to be paid by the parent(s) or guardian prior to testing.

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

1. Be (5) five years old as of midnight October 1; and
2. Pre-pay testing cost of \$175.00 (covers cost of testing and interview; total time set at 2 hours), additional timed billed at \$50.00 hour; and
3. Achieve a score at or above the 90th percentile on each sub tests of all the standardized measures administered.

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. The principal will notify the parent and the superintendent of the early entrance assessment results in writing, 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 336.095](#)

[ORS 339.115](#)

[ORS 343.395](#)