

**Jefferson County  
School District 509J**

Code: **JEBA**  
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Orig. Code(s): JEBA

**Early Entrance\*\***

Children whose parents or legal guardians are residents of the district are eligible to attend classes in the district's schools pursuant to state law and Board policies.

An official birth certificate or other valid proof of age shall be required for all students entering kindergarten or entering school for the first time in the first grade.

A child entering school for the first time in the fall shall be considered of school age if the child's birthday meets the birthday requirements established by Oregon Revised Statutes. A child is to be five years old on or before September 1 to enter kindergarten and six years old on or before September 1 to enter the first grade, except that:

1. Between, April 15 and August 15, parents of a child born on or before September 30 may apply for early entry into school following the child's successful completion of assessment;
2. The parents shall submit results of standardized assessment administered by a qualified examiner approved by the district in the following areas:
  - a. Speech and language development;
  - b. Gross and fine motor development;
  - c. Cognitive skills;
  - d. Academic skills; and
  - e. Social/emotional development.
3. All costs incurred as the result of the assessments are the responsibility of the parent(s)/guardian(s).
4. Assessment results shall be submitted by to the building principal for early entry consideration.
5. The principal shall submit a recommendation to accept or deny early entry.
6. Parents may appeal the principal's decision for early entry to the Board Superintendent. The decision of the Superintendent shall be final.
7. Early entry is probationary for the first nine weeks of school.

Students who transfer from other public school districts in which the entrance age is lower may be considered for entry in this district in like grade placement.

END OF POLICY

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**Legal Reference(s):**

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

[ORS 336.095](#)  
[ORS 339.010](#)

[ORS 339.115](#)  
[ORS 343.395](#)