

Early Entrance into the First Grade**

If a request for early admission to kindergarten or first grade is received by the district, the following guidelines will be used:

1. The Application for Early Entrance form must be filled out by a parent or guardian. The completion of this form will activate the early entry committee. Members of that committee are: kindergarten or first-grade teachers, the speech and language therapist and/or school psychologist, building principal(s) and/or the director of student supports services. The committee will review the forms and determine whether to advance the application for assessment.
2. The parent/s or guardian/s will be made aware that it is their responsibility to secure testing by a qualified agency approved by the director of student supports services. The district will provide this service upon parent request. A \$125 nonrefundable fee made payable to Lowell School District shall be required at this time.

Three areas that must be tested include:

- a. Cognitive (intelligence);
- b. Affective (social/emotional); and
- c. Physical.

Test scores should be at or above the 85th percentile for entering the requested grade level.

3. All information must be received by the director of student supports services on or before June 1
4. If a student is to be considered for early entrance, the student will also be required to participate in a one- day screening/observation conducted by the district during the early entrance evaluation period. The early entry committee will review the test information and the application form;
5. The early entry committee will make recommendation to the superintendent, and parent/s or guardian/s will be notified within 10 days of receiving the recommendation;
6. A written appeal can be made by the parents to the superintendent who may affirm, reverse or modify the early entry committee's decision. A subsequent hearing may be held with the Board if the respective decision does not meet with the approval of the parent(s).