

Early Entrance of Resident Students

The following guidelines are designed to offer technical assistance to the early entry screening committee. The primary objective of this committee is to determine the eligibility of children who do not meet the state recommended age criteria for entrance into a kindergarten program.

Application:

1. Parents/legal guardians may request information and application forms from the executive director at the School Office, 17475 Bridgeport Road, Dallas, Oregon 97338.
2. The completed application is to be submitted to the executive director no later than April 1, with no exceptions. A non-refundable assessment fee of \$100 will be required at the time of application.
3. The parents/legal guardians may be requested to read and discuss a book with the director on children entering into kindergarten and formal education at an early age.

Eligibility Process:

1. A screening and assessment appointment will be scheduled by the executive director after receipt of the application and fee.
2. Screening may include assessment in cognitive, academic, social and physical areas. Assessment instruments may include, but are not limited to the Brigance K&I Screen Revised, Wechsler Preschool and Primary Scale of Intelligence-Revised, Draw-a-Person-QSS, and anecdotal information from parents/legal guardians and/or preschool.
3. Eligibility will be based on a multiple of criteria. No single test or score shall be the sole criterion used to determine qualification.
4. An early entry screening committee will be appointed by the executive director to review the assessment results. The committee may include the executive director, LVCS teachers, and any specialists assigned to administer any diagnostic tests.
5. Parents/legal guardians will receive a report of test results and notification of eligibility.
6. If the child qualifies for early entry the kindergarten teacher shall conduct a parent conference at the end of 3-4 weeks to review progress. If the child is not making satisfactory progress, the teacher may recommend to withdraw the child. Should a recommendation for withdrawal be made, the child's placement in the LVCS preschool program can't be guaranteed.

7. If the parent or legal guardian does not concur with the teacher's decision, the parent/legal guardian may request a review by appealing in writing to the executive director within seven days. A committee appointed by the executive director shall then review the child's status and make a final determination.

Timeline:

1. Applications for early entrance into kindergarten will be taken between March 1 and April 1. All applications will be considered equally with no preference given to the date of submission.
2. Applications must be completed by parents/legal guardians on or before April 1.
3. Parents/legal guardians will receive a screening appointment after receipt of application and fee.
4. Assessment and notification will be completed prior to May 1.