

Early Entrance**

The following steps will be implemented when a parent makes a request for early entry consideration:

1. The principal of the school in the child's attendance area and the kindergarten teacher will meet with the parents to discuss early entrance considerations and issues;
2. If the parent(s) continue to express interest in exploring early entrance for their child, the kindergarten teacher will administer a developmental screening instrument;
3. If the child demonstrates readiness, behavior and interpersonal skills consistent with the developmental levels necessary for early entry consideration, the principal will refer the child to the kindergarten teacher or school psychologist for a formal evaluation;
4. The school psychologist will evaluate the child in the areas of intellectual ability and social-emotional maturity. Data will also be gathered in the areas of perceptual-motor and physical development;
5. The principal, kindergarten teacher and school psychologist will meet to review all evaluation data and arrive at a recommendation; and
6. If the parents do not agree with the recommendation made by the team, the due process procedure will be followed.

Early Entrance Criteria

1. The child must have his/her fifth birthday on or before midnight on October 1 of the year of entry into school;
2. A score on an individual intelligence test indicating intellectual ability at or above the 90th percentile;
3. A score at or above the 75th percentile in the area of social-emotional development;
4. A score at or above the 50th percentile in the areas of perceptual-motor and fine and gross motor skills.

Due Process

The superintendent will designate a hearing officer. A hearings board will be appointed by the superintendent to include but not limited to: uninvolved elementary principal and uninvolved kindergarten teacher. This board will hear testimony and review the record of the child in question. The recommendations of this hearings board will be presented to the superintendent. The superintendent will make a decision based on the recommendation of the hearings board and professional judgment.