

North Powder School District 8J

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

Early Entrance**

A student is considered six years of age and will be admitted into a public school if his/her sixth birthday occurs on or before September 1. A student whose sixth birthday occurs after that date may be admitted to the first grade if he/she has maintained regular attendance in any grade of a public full-time school during the entire school term.

A student will be admitted into Kindergarten if his/her fifth birthday occurs on or before September 1st, or is a kindergarten student transferring from a public school in another district.

The Board recognizes that certain students may be suited to enter school earlier than their peers. Early entrance into school may be allowed for a student whose needs would be best met in the school program based on an analysis by qualified staff. Parents or guardians wishing to have their student(s) considered for early entry will:

1. Request in writing early entry to the superintendent. The request should include legal name, birth date and reasons for requesting early entry;
2. Furnish recommendations from preschool or kindergarten teachers and/or examples of the student's work and evidence of maturity.

The superintendent and staff will evaluate the student. The decision will be based on documentation furnished by the parents, personal interviews and test results. The parents may be asked to attend the screening session. The superintendent will evaluate the student's level of:

1. Social behavior;
2. Physical ability;
3. Emotional behavior;
4. Academic ability.

The criteria for early entry shall be minimum norms representing the fourth year, tenth month level in all four areas of assessment.

The district may establish a fee representative of all or part of the actual costs of the assessment.

The parents will meet with the evaluation team which may include, but is not limited to, a school psychologist and selected teachers to discuss the recommendations. If the parents disagree with the results of the evaluation, they may request a hearing with the superintendent.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 327.006](#)
[ORS 336.092](#)
[ORS 336.095](#)

[ORS 339.010](#)
[ORS 339.115](#)

[ORS 343.395](#)