

Ontario School District 8

Code: **JEBA**
Adopted: 8/18/10

Early Entrance**

A student will be admitted into the first grade if his/her sixth birthday occurs on or before September 1, as established by law. In addition, a student whose sixth birthday occurs after that date may be admitted to the first grade if he/she:

1. Is a first grade student transferring from a public school in another district, or from a private school;
2. Completed a successful year in a public kindergarten the previous year and would be continuing his/her formal education.

A student will be admitted to kindergarten if his/her fifth birthday occurs one year earlier than the date established by law for entry into first grade, or is a kindergarten student transferring from a public school in another district.

Early entry into school will be allowed for a student whose fifth/sixth birthday occurs after September 1, but not later than October 31 and whose needs would best be met in the school program based on an analysis by qualified professional staff of his/her:

1. Cognitive development;
2. Social development;
3. Physical development.

The superintendent shall identify screening processes and instruments which will provide a dependable assessment of the preceding criteria.

Parents will be required to pay the cost of the special testing involved.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 327.006](#)
[ORS 336.095](#)
[ORS 339.115](#)
[ORS 343.395](#)