

## Kindergarten Enrollment

ORS 339.115 (9) provides that a district may waive the age restriction for “a child whose needs for cognitive, social and physical development” would be best served by enrollment in that district’s program.

Parents or guardians of a child may request a waiver by contacting the principal of the elementary school in their attendance area. The individual(s) requesting the waiver will be responsible to provide to the district the following:

1. A written request for a waiver stating the reasons for the request;
2. A record of any previous schools or pre-school attendance and performance;
3. All regularly required registration information.

Upon such a request, the principal shall make arrangements for the administration, by an appropriately trained and certified individual, of such readiness and/or aptitude tests as will generate information relevant to the child’s probability of success in the district’s kindergarten program. The request for waiver, and all other available information related to it, shall be reviewed by a committee appointed by the superintendent.

In its deliberations, the committee will take into consideration the following kinds of information:

1. Readiness screening and/or aptitude test results (minimum of 95th percentile);
2. The extent of age difference from other kindergarten students;
3. The physical, social, and cognitive maturity of the child;
4. The suitability of the kindergarten program to meet the child’s needs;
5. Any other relevant available information;
6. The judgment and evaluation of committee members as to the probable long-term educational success of the child as a result of this decision.

The superintendent or designee will render a final decision based on these deliberations and a written response will be delivered to the individual(s) requesting the waiver.

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