

# Sherman County S. D.

## Early Entrance into the First Grade \*\*

Code: **JEBA-AR**

Adopted: 8/14/95

If a request for early admission to the first grade received by the district, the following guidelines will be used:

1. A child attaining age six on or before September 1 qualifies for first grade. Students who are not age six may be considered for early entry;
2. The Request for Early First-Grade Entrance form must be filled out by a parent. The completion of these forms and receipt of formal evaluation results will activate the early entry committee. Members of that committee are: first-grade teachers, the speech and language therapist, building principals and the director of special services;
3. The parents will be made aware that it is their responsibility to secure testing by a qualified agency approved by the director of special services;

Three areas that must be tested include: a) cognitive (intelligence); b) affective (social/emotional); and c) physical;

Test scores should be in the top quartile for entering first grade;

4. All information must be received by the director of special services on or before August 1;
5. The early entry committee will review the test information and the parent interview forms. If a student is to be considered for early entrance, the student will also be required to participate in a one-day screening/observation conducted by the school district during the second week of August;
6. The screening committee will make recommendations to the superintendent, and parents will be notified by the end of the third week in August;
7. A written appeal can be made by the parents to the superintendent who may affirm, reverse or modify the early entry committee's decision. A subsequent hearing may be held with the Board if the respective decision does not meet with the approval of the parent(s).

REQUEST FOR EARLY ENTRANCE

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Child \_\_\_\_\_

I request that my child be reviewed for early admission to the first grade.

I will have \_\_\_\_\_ evaluated at my expense in the following areas:

- a. cognitive (intelligence)
- b. affective (socio/emotional)
- c. physical

I understand the test scores must equal or surpass the norms for six-year, five-month age level in all areas of assessment by August 15. I will receive written information from the school district concerning my request within three weeks of providing them with the test scores.

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Parent Signature

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Date