

### **Early Entrance\*\***

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

1. A child attaining age six on or before September 1 will be admitted for first grade. A child attaining age five on or before September 1 is considered kindergarten age;
2. The Request for Early 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 may include: kindergarten or first-grade teachers, the speech and language therapist, building principal(s), director of special programs and the school psychologist;
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 programs.

Three areas that must be tested include:

- a. Intellectual function;
- b. Behavior/social function;
- c. Academic function;
- d. Language function.

Test scores should be in the 97th percentile for entering the requested grade level.

4. All information must be received by the director of special programs 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 district in August;
6. The screening committee will make recommendations to the superintendent, and parents will be notified by the end of 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).