

Springfield School District 19

Code: **JEBA**
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Early Entrance**

Students who are five years old on or before September 1 may enroll in the district kindergarten program.

The district will enroll a student whose fifth birthday falls after September 1 into kindergarten if the student has been legally enrolled in a public kindergarten in another district through at least the month of September.

The Board recognizes that some students can benefit from an early kindergarten placement and will allow early entry for a student who is sufficiently advanced to succeed in the educational program based on the students':

1. Intellectual functioning;
2. Emotional/social functioning;
3. Adaptive behavior (including, but not limited to, perceptual, motor, self-help and communication skills.)

However, if a student has not previously enrolled in a public school, parents may seek early entry according to district guidelines. For students who will be five between September 2 and October 1, and the parents determine that the student is ready for school, the parents must notify the district of their intent to seek early enrollment prior to the first student contact day for that school year. After notification, parents must obtain a private evaluation by a qualified individual of their choice. After receiving the private evaluation results, a district team will determine if the student meets the district's early entry eligibility requirements.

The Board authorizes the superintendent or designee to develop criteria and procedures to be used in evaluating the assessment results for early entry.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

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