

ENTRANCE AGE

To be eligible for admission to kindergarten, a child must be five (5) years old on or before September 1 of the school year involved.

EARLY ADMISSION TO KINDERGARTEN

Parents interested in enrolling a child in five-year-old kindergarten before the child is old enough according to statutory entrance age requirements may apply for early admittance. The child must be 5 years old prior to October 1st to be considered for early admission to kindergarten.

An application form for early entry to Kindergarten is available at the elementary school. A parent or guardian must submit the application to the director of special education and pupil services by March 1. Families moving into the district after that date may submit an application no later than August 1st.

After the application has been received the family will be invited for an interview with the school psychologist, the director of special education and pupil services, and the elementary building principal. Based upon the outcome of the interview an evaluation, which may include informal assessments, screeners and observations, will be conducted in order to determine the child's potential for success in, and ability to cope with, the school environment. The school psychologist will be looking for indicators to help determine the child's potential benefit from early admittance.

The team will reconvene with the parents to share results of the evaluation and to make a placement recommendation.

Appeal Procedure: If the evaluation team does not recommend early admission the family may appeal to the district administrator no later than May 15. The district administrator will provide a written response within 10 school days. If the district administrator upholds the team recommendation to deny early admittance, the family may appeal to the school board no later than the regular July board meeting. The school board has final authority for the admission decision.

EARLY ADMISSION TO FOUR-YEAR-OLD-KINDERGARTEN

Students entering four-year-old kindergarten will not be considered for early admission.

Legal Reference: Wisconsin Statutes 118.14

Cross Reference: 421-Rule, Early Admission to Kindergarten or First Grade

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