

Early Admission to Kindergarten or 4K

Policy 421.1

The Board of Education's decision to allow early school admission will be based upon evidence presented through the following conditions and procedures.

1. Conditions:

a. 4K

- i. The child demonstrates the social, emotional, physical, and mental maturity normally expected for successful participation in kindergarten.
- ii. To be considered for early entrance to kindergarten, a child must be four (4) years of age before November 1st of the school year for which early entrance is requested.

b. Kindergarten

- i. The child demonstrates the social, emotional, physical, and mental maturity normally expected for successful participation in kindergarten.
- ii. To be considered for early entrance to kindergarten, a child must be five (5) years of age before November 1st of the school year for which early entrance is requested.

2. Procedures:

- a. A personal interview shall be held to determine the parent's reasons for requesting entrance prior to the legal age.
- b. An evaluation of the child's potential to benefit from early admission to 4K or kindergarten shall be required. The evaluation shall consider emotional stability, social and mental maturity, and physical health. The individual evaluation shall be conducted by a certified school psychologist in conjunction with other appropriate pupil service workers. The evaluation shall be at no cost to the parents.
- c. After the evaluation has been completed, a conference shall be held with the parents to consider the appropriateness of early entrance into 4K or kindergarten.
- d. The school board has the final authority for deciding whether or not the child is to be admitted to 4K or kindergarten.

3. Timeline

- a. Parent must submit a letter to the District Administrator requesting the Early Admittance process to begin. Before the early administration evaluation can begin the parent/guardian must give the school permission to test the child by signing the form in policy 421.2 (Evaluation For Early School Admission Form).
 - i. If the letter is received on or before March 15th of the proceeding school year parents will be notified of the District's decision by the last day of school.
 - ii. If the parent/guardian submits the letter after March 15th and before July 1st parents will be notified of the District's decision by August 15th of that year.

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- iii. No application will be accepted after July 1st for the upcoming school year unless approved by the District Administrator.

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Cross Reference:

421 Entrance Age

421.2 Evaluation For Early School Admission Form