

5112 - ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS

The Board of Education establishes the following entrance age requirements for students, which are consistent with statute and sound educational practice, and directs that all eligible students be treated in an equitable manner.

Kindergarten Early Entrance Age

Early entrance to kindergarten may be permitted if the following requirements are met:

- A. The child's fifth birthday must fall between September 30th and January 1st of the next calendar year.
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- B. The child shall be administered the Kindergarten Diagnostic Instrument and must score at the 97th percentile if s/he has a November or December birthday.
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- C. The child who meets kindergarten screening requirements for early entrance to kindergarten must then obtain an Intelligence Quotient of 130 if his/her birth date occurs in October and an I.Q. of 135 if his/her birth date occurs in November or December. The intellectual test utilized must be designed for individual administration and administered by a qualified school psychologist.
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- D. The child must be of average size for his/her chronological age.
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- E. The child must demonstrate exceptional social and emotional maturity as assessed from the following factors:
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 - 1. Ease with which the child separates from his/her parents.
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 - 2. Extent to which the child controls his/her emotions.
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 - 3. Amount of unusual behavior elicited by the child.
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 - 4. Number of special demands made on the examiner.
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 - 5. Extent to which the child cooperates with the examiner.
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 - 6. Task-related attentiveness or distractibility exhibited by the child.
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 - 7. Ease with which the child communicates verbally.
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 - 8. Ease with which the child adapts to new situations.
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 - 9. Degree of self-confidence exhibited by the child.
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10. Attitude of the child toward the examiner.

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Within-District Admission Procedures:

After requesting Early Entrance information, the parent will be sent articles discussing early entrance and an early entrance application. The parent will review the articles and if they then wish to proceed will complete the early entrance application.

Kindergarten

A child is eligible for entrance into kindergarten if s/he attains the age of five (5) on or before September 30th of the year in which s/he applies for entrance. A child under age six (6) who is enrolled in kindergarten will be considered of compulsory school age.

Chronological age shall be the sole determining factor for admission of resident children into kindergarten.

The Board may admit to kindergarten such children as may be ineligible by reason of age but demonstrate the ability to undertake a program of education.

The Board will admit to kindergarten any child who has not attained the entrance age requirement of this District, but who was properly enrolled in an approved public or private accredited school kindergarten before transferring to this District.

First Grade

A child is eligible for entrance into first grade if s/he attains the age of six (6) on or before September 30th of the year in which s/he applies for entrance and has completed the kindergarten program of this District or an equivalent program elsewhere and has been recommended by the teacher for advancement to the first grade. This requirement may only be waived if the acceleration evaluation committee decides it is appropriate for the child.

The Board directs the Superintendent to issue guidelines that designate the necessary standards and testing programs required for early admission.

There will be a four (4) week trial period at the beginning of the school year when early entrance students will be carefully observed by the teacher.

While the District operates an all-day kindergarten program, a parent may enroll his/her child for only the minimum number of hours required by State law without penalty, and the Board shall accommodate such students.

The Superintendent shall require that each child who registers for entrance to school provide:

- A. his/her birth certificate or similar documentation authorized by law as proof of age and birthdate;

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- B. a certified copy of any custody order or decree together with any modification in such an order or decree;

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C. record of vaccinations.

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If such documents are not provided, the child may be admitted under the Superintendent's guidelines. Appropriate law enforcement authorities may be notified.

Each child entering the District's kindergarten or first grade program for the first time must be properly screened for any medical or health problems as well as those related to hearing, vision, speech and communications. The cost for such screening shall be paid by the District.

Any parent may provide the District with a written statement indicating that s/he does not wish to have his/her child screened.

R.C. 3313.64, 3313.641, 3313.672, 3313.673, 3321.01 et seq., 3321.05, 3323.01

R.C. 3324.10