

REGULAR AND EARLY ADMISSION TO KINDERGARTEN

To be admitted to kindergarten, children should be five years old by September 30 of that school year. Registration occurs in the spring preceding kindergarten and during the first week of school. Children who are found to be developmentally young are encouraged to wait a year before admission.

In general, parents are not encouraged to apply for early admission to kindergarten for their four-year-old children. It is felt that these formative years should be ones of exploration, small group interaction and freedom from excessive structure and stress.

However, on occasion, children are admitted early. To be admitted early, all of the following criteria must be met:

1. Permission of the Placement Team
2. Space is available. (Priority is given to five-year-old children)
3. Has the appropriate socialization skills.
4. Functions above chronological age in all areas of development as measured by commonly accepted standardized evaluation procedures to be provided by the parents at their own expense. The following areas should be examined:
 - Receptive Language
 - Expressive Language
 - Cognitive development
 - Fine motor skills
 - Large motor skills
 - Socialization
5. In addition, functions at the appropriate physical, cognitive, social and emotional developmental levels.

Parents must be given copies of the current available research concerning the positive or negative effects of early admission to kindergarten.

All decisions made by the administration regarding early admission to Kindergarten will be final.

FMRSD

Adopted: 3/10/97

Reviewed: 4/12/99

Revised: 3/10/2008