

Early Entrance Petition Procedures

PETITION PROCEDURE

Parents/guardians may petition the Board to allow their child to enter school earlier than permitted under statutory age requirements. On receipt of a petition, the District shall conduct an evaluation process to help determine a student's readiness to engage in and benefit from early entry to school. The process shall be established in accordance with the following:

1. The District shall establish guidelines to determine a student's readiness for entry, including the date by which petitions must be submitted to the Central Office.
2. Developmentally appropriate measures, which may include state-approved screening instruments, shall be used to determine a student's level of developmental, academic and social readiness.
3. Based on staff recommendations, the Superintendent shall recommend to the Board whether to grant the request.

EVALUATION PROCESS FOR EARLY ENTRANCE INTO KINDERGARTEN

1. All petitions to the Board to allow their child to enter school earlier than permitted under statutory age requirements must be submitted to central office on or before April 1st for the following school year.
2. Prospective students must score in the 95% percentile or above in all areas (concepts, motor, self-help and social-emotional) of the Dial-4 assessment.
3. Prospective students that have met the above criteria will be permitted to go through Kindergarten Screening for early placement.
4. Prospective students that have met the above criteria will be screened with the Brigance Kindergarten screener. If student scores ready and/or ready with enrichments he will be considered for early placement.
5. Additional assessments through the G-MADE assessment may be considered if requested by the committee.
6. The Early Entrance into Kindergarten committee will meet to review applicant based on the above criteria. The committee will consist of the Director of Elementary Schools, School Principal(s), Preschool Teacher (if applicable) and a Kindergarten Teacher.
7. Parents will be notified of the Committee's decision no later than August 1st.