

## EARLY ENTRANCE TO KINDERGARTEN

State law establishes minimum age requirements for admission to kindergarten and sets forth requirements for a standardized testing program to evaluate those students deemed ready by parents for early admission.

Children who will be the proper age for entrance to kindergarten or first grade by the first day of January of the school year for which admission is requested are evaluated upon the request of the child's parent or legal guardian.

Children who will not yet be the proper age for entrance to kindergarten or first grade by the first day of January of the school year for which admission is requested are also evaluated for possible early admittance if referred by an educator within the District or a preschool educator, a pediatrician or a psychologist who knows the child. The building principal may also request evaluation at his/her discretion.

Referrals for students to be evaluated and assessed should be made to the building principal. Students referred and having parental permission are tested using a variety of assessments. The assessments are reviewed by an acceleration evaluation committee to determine the most appropriate and available learning environment for the students.

The committee issues a written recommendation to the building principal and the students' parents. Parents have the right to appeal the committee's recommendation to the Superintendent/designee.

The committee develops a written acceleration plan for any student who is admitted early to kindergarten. The parents of the student are provided with a copy of the written plan.

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LEGAL REFS.: ORC 3321.01  
3324.01 et seq.  
OAC 3301-51-15

CROSS REFS.: IGBB, Programs for Gifted and Talented Students  
IKEB, Acceleration  
JEB, Entrance Age (Mandatory Kindergarten)

ENTRANCE AGE  
(Mandatory Kindergarten)

Each child who is five years of age on or before September 30 is eligible to enroll in kindergarten. Each child who is six years of age on or before September 30 and who has successfully completed kindergarten is eligible to enroll in the first grade.

The District policy requiring successful completion of kindergarten may, upon parental request to the pupil personnel services committee, be waived provided the child demonstrates to the satisfaction of the committee the social, emotional and cognitive skills necessary for first grade, and that the child is at least six by the District admittance date. This committee shall be comprised as set forth in the Ohio Revised Code.

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LEGAL REFS.: ORC 3321.01  
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CROSS REFS.: IKEB, Acceleration  
JEA, Compulsory Attendance Ages  
JEBA, Early Entrance to Kindergarten