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Early Intervention Kindergarten

- A. Box Elder School District shall participate in the Early Intervention kindergarten programs as outlined in State Code and Utah State Board of Education Rules.
- B. Box Elder School District will not require a student to participate in Early Intervention kindergarten and shall continue to offer part-day kindergarten for students not participating in the program.
- C. Early Intervention kindergarten programs will be continued to be offered as funding is available.
 - 1. Title I schools will receive highest priority for Early Intervention kindergarten classrooms.
 - 2. Additional Early Intervention kindergarten classes will be created as funding is available. Location(s) of additional Early Intervention classes will be prioritized based on the greatest number of anticipated at-risk kindergarten students in each school. The number of anticipated at-risk kindergarten students will be determined by May 1st of each year. This will be determined by multiplying the percent of students in each school qualifying for free and reduced lunch (as determined by the previous October 1st calculation) by the projected kindergarten enrollment for the ensuing year.
- D. Schools offering Early Intervention kindergarten classes shall ensure that:
 - 1. A majority of the students enrolled are students who have the greatest need for additional instruction, as determined by the kindergarten readiness assessments, and
 - 2. An Early Intervention kindergarten class does not have more enrolled students than other kindergarten classes in the school.
- E. Complaints or concerns regarding the individual placement of students in, or not in, Early Intervention kindergarten classes will be resolved as outlined in <u>Policy 5350</u> <u>Student Complaints – Resolution</u>.

Commented [1-MH1]: The legislation is hoping to increase funding this year. We did increase the number of all day kindergarten sessions this year by 1. The only location that had room was Century. This is a situation that we are going to have to discuss as a district how we are going to support the requirement to increase all day kindergarten sessions. We did not use this formula because of the free and reduced lunch report is not necessarily giving accurate information because of everyone getting free lunch.

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