

## Early Entrance\*\*

### Early Entrance to Kindergarten

~~A student who is six years of age will be admitted into a public school if his/her sixth birthday occurs on or before September 1. A student whose sixth birthday occurs after that date may be admitted to the first grade if he/she has maintained regular attendance in any grade of a public full-time school during the entire school term.~~ Early entrance into kindergarten will not be considered. Once enrolled in kindergarten, if a parent believes their child is sufficiently advanced to succeed in first grade, they should contact the building administrator within the first month of the child's enrollment to request that their child be considered for grade advancement. Grade acceleration candidates must demonstrate academic achievement and emotional/social maturity well beyond the age expectancy. A child's skills and abilities in the areas of cognitive, language, academic, social, and physical development will be compared to those children who will naturally be entering first grade. It is expected that the early entry candidate would perform in the top quartile of that group. The district recognizes that grade advancement may be appropriate for some developmentally advanced children. Procedures have been adopted to ensure that the individual needs of all students are appropriately addressed.

~~A student will be admitted to kindergarten if his/her fifth birthday occurs on or before September 1 or is a kindergarten student transferring from a public school in another district.~~

~~Early entry into kindergarten may be allowed for a student whose 5<sup>th</sup> birthday occurs between September 1 and November 1 and whose needs would best be met in the school program based on an analysis by qualified professional staff of his/her:~~

- ~~1. \_\_\_\_\_ Cognitive development;~~
- ~~2. \_\_\_\_\_ Language development;~~
- ~~3. \_\_\_\_\_ Math readiness skills;~~
- ~~4. \_\_\_\_\_ Reading readiness skills;~~
- ~~5. \_\_\_\_\_ Social development;~~
- ~~6. \_\_\_\_\_ Physical development and stamina to attend full-day kindergarten.~~

~~The superintendent shall identify screening processes and instruments which will provide a dependable assessment of the preceding criteria.~~

~~Parents will be required to pay the cost of any special testing involved.~~

### Early Entrance to First Grade

A student will be admitted into the first grade if his/her sixth birthday occurs on or before September 1. In addition, a student whose sixth birthday occurs after that date may be admitted to the first grade if he/she:

1. Is a first grade student transferring from a public school in another district;
2. Completed a successful year in a public kindergarten the previous year and would be continuing his/her formal education.

END OF POLICY

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#### Legal Reference(s):

<a href="#">ORS 327.006</a>	<a href="#">ORS 336.092</a>	<a href="#">ORS 339.010</a>
	<a href="#">ORS 336.095</a>	<a href="#">ORS 339.115</a>
		<a href="#">ORS 343.395</a>