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It is the policy of the Waterville-Elysian-Morristown Board of Education that early admission to kindergarten be allowed for a child who is at least 4 years, 11 months of age on September 1, if the child demonstrates a sufficient level of intellectual functioning, readiness development, and social maturity.

To be allowed the opportunity for early admission, a child must demonstrate:

1. Intellectual functioning which places him/her at or above the 90 percentile in comparison with chronological-aged peers. Intellectual functioning is to be assessed through an individual administration of an age-appropriate measure of intelligence conducted in accordance with recognized professional standards. The test of intellectual functioning is to be administered by a licensed psychologist.
2. Readiness development that is equal to or exceeds that of 90% of chronological-aged peers. Readiness development is to be assessed through the administration of one or more readiness surveys. Readiness development assessments are to be done by certified professional staff employed by the school district.
3. Social maturity that is superior to that of the child's chronological-aged peers. The level of social maturity may be demonstrated by any or all of the following:
 - *recommendations of a preschool teacher who has observed the child in a preschool program;
 - *attainment of a social age of at least 6.1 on an assessment utilizing the Vineland Social Maturity Scale;
 - *attainment of a score at or above the 90 percentile on the Adaptive Social Behavior Inventory

Social maturity assessments are to be administered by certified professional staff employed by the school district.

All costs involved in the assessment will be paid by the parent or guardian.

The application for early school admission is to be made at the elementary principal's office by May 1 preceding the academic year for which the requested enrollment would

potentially occur. Exception to the above will be permitted for those families which have moved into the school district after April 1 immediately preceding the academic year for which the enrollment application is made.

The child study team shall review the assessment information reflecting the child's level of functioning. This committee, chaired by the building principal, will formulate a recommendation to the parent/guardian.

If given approval by the child study team, a six-week trial in kindergarten will be granted. At the end of the six-week trial period, the child study team will meet to evaluate the child's progress. A recommendation concerning kindergarten attendance will be made at this time.