

(Policy Number) EARLY ENTRANCE TO KINDERGARTEN

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to provide a procedure for requests for early entry into kindergarten.

II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY

Minnesota Statute 120A.20 requires kindergarten students to be at least five years of age on September 1 unless a school board has established a policy for early entrance. This policy applies to parents/guardians who desire to enroll their child in kindergarten prior to the legal entrance age of five years on or before September 1.

The School District recognizes that children develop physically, emotionally and intellectually at their unique rates, resulting in varying levels of school readiness. An orderly determination for early entrance into kindergarten has been established by the Board of Education of Independent School District #182, Crosby-Ironton, Minnesota.

III. CRITERIA

Children will only be considered whose 5th birthday falls after September 1st and on or before September 15th of the year in which admission is requested.

Children must score, at a minimum, 125 or better on an individual IQ test.

Children must demonstrate high social and emotional development.

IV. PROCEDURES

In order to gain early admission to kindergarten, a prospective student must satisfy the following requirements.

- A. All prospective students are required to participate in early childhood screening.
- B. Each child must meet the cut off birth date of five years on or before September 15.
- C. Parents must apply in writing to the elementary principal by April 15th prior to the school year in which admission is requested. Exceptions will only be made for parents who move into the district after April 15 and prior to the start of the school year.
- D. Appointment with Early Entrance Team: The parents/guardians and the child will meet with the Early Entrance Team, which includes the building principal, Early Childhood teacher and Kindergarten teacher.

- E. Parents/guardians will be notified by the building principal whether the child is recommended to proceed to the Evaluation/Cognitive Assessment process or if the child is not recommended for Early Entrance to Kindergarten.
- F. For those children recommended to proceed, parents will be responsible to schedule an appointment with a licensed psychologist, at the parents' own expense, to have an individual IQ test administered to the child.
- G. A child must achieve an IQ score of 125 or more to qualify for early kindergarten entrance.