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Kindergarten and 1st Grade Age Eligibility

Students must be age 5 *before September 1st* to be eligible for Kindergarten. Students age 5 *on or after September 1st* will not be eligible for Kindergarten (**see exception below*) and the Enrollment Coordinator shall contact the parent/guardian and inform them that their student's registration will be held for the next Kindergarten lottery (the following year).

Kindergarten

A parent/guardian may voluntarily retain their eligible student from entering Kindergarten and request the Enrollment Coordinator to hold their student's Application Form for the next school year *to be placed in the general lottery*. *If a parent/guardian considers their underage student to be ready for school and they do not meet the requirements above, the following conditions must be met:

1. The student must turn age 5 before October 1.
2. Proof of Kindergarten Readiness from Early Childhood Screening must be presented. Additional assessment may be provided and required to confirm results.
3. A meeting must be held between administration, the Kindergarten teacher, the parent/guardian and the student
4. Unanimous approval by the **Eligibility Team** must be obtained
5. An Early Admittance to Kindergarten Application must be completed and submitted along with the standard Kindergarten enrollment Application by June 1.
6. A letter of recommendation must be received from a preschool teacher or other group setting instructor.
7. **A birth certificate must be attached to the Application.**

Crosslake Community School (CCS) shall enroll an eligible pupil who submits a timely application, unless the number of applications exceeds the capacity of a program, class, or grade level. In this case, students must be accepted by a lot. CCS has a Lottery Procedure that it uses when accepting students by lot.

CCS has published the Kindergarten/1st Grade Early Admittance on the CCS website.

Note: A parent/guardian wishing to enroll their kindergartner at CCS during the school year from another school district that does not have identical entrance requirements may be enrolled at CCS to continue their education.

1st Grade

In order to be eligible to enroll at CCS in 1st grade, a student must be age 6 by September 1st of that school year. *Note: Any student admitted under the early entrance into kindergarten at CCS is eligible under this guideline to enter 1st grade with satisfactory completion of kindergarten requirements.*

**Application for Early Kindergarten Entrance
CROSSLAKE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS**

Return by June 1

Directions: Please complete this Application if you feel that your student should be eligible for enrollment in kindergarten, but does not meet the age requirements set forth in school policy. By completing this form, you are indicating that your student demonstrates academic achievement, social, emotional, and physical maturity appropriate for kindergarten placement.

Student's Name

Last, First, MI

Gender: Male or Female (circle one) **Birthdate:** _____ / _____ / _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____ **Preferred Phone #:** _____ - _____ - _____

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Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ ZIP Code: _____

Neighborhood School

Has your student completed an Early Childhood Screening? yes no

If yes, please list date and school district: _____

(Attach a copy of the Screening Report, if possible.)

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**Preschool Experience**

*(Application must include a letter of recommendation for early entrance by a teacher from a program listed below.)*

List the preschools, Head Start, and/or other childcare programs attended. Include the dates of attendance and the approximate number of hours per week attended.

| <b>Name of School/Program</b> | <b>Dates of Attendance</b> | <b># Hours/Week</b> |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------|
| _____                         | _____                      | _____/Week          |
| _____                         | _____                      | _____/Week          |
| _____                         | _____                      | _____/Week          |
| _____                         | _____                      | _____/Week          |

**Directions:** Please answer each question. If additional space is needed, use the back of this form.

1. Why do you feel your student should be considered for early entrance to kindergarten?
2. How long does your student maintain interest in a play activity or game at a given time?
3. What responsibilities does your student have at home? What do you do when your student does not follow through?
4. How does your student respond when he/she tries but can't do something?
5. What types of reading activities does your student engage in at home?
6. What kinds of experiences has your student had with writing tools, such as crayons, pencils, and markers.
7. What does your student know about numbers, shapes, and patterns?
8. How does your student handle transitions and new situations?
9. How does your student interact with other children? Please explain and consider whether or not your student shares, takes turns, and cooperates with peers?
10. Share insights on how well your student will be able to listen and independently follow through with an assigned task.
11. How does your student handle separating from family members?
12. A kindergarten student's school day at CCS is a full-day experience. Explain how you feel your student will handle a full-day experience.

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The following information **must be attached** to this Application to be considered for early entrance into kindergarten:

- Letter of recommendation from a preschool or other group-setting teacher
- Copy of birth certificate

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All Applications will be reviewed. I understand that if my student is considered for early entrance into kindergarten, they will be required to meet with the teacher and administration. I further understand that additional assessment may be necessary and the final decision regarding kindergarten/1st grade readiness will be a unanimous decision between the teacher and administration.

**Parent/Guardian Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

*If you have questions regarding this Application process, please call the director at 218-692-5437 ext. 104*

**Return completed Application materials by June 1st to:**

**Crosslake Community Schools  
Attn.: Enrollment Coordinator  
35808 County Road 66  
PO Box 1020  
Crosslake, MN 56442**

**Legal References:** Minn. Stat. § 120.A.20 (Admission to Public School)  
Minn. Stat. § 121.A.17 (School Board Responsibilities)  
Minn. Stat. § 121.A. 15 (Health Standards; Immunizations; School Children)  
Minn. Stat. § 124.E.06 3 (Forming a School Requirement)  
Minn. Stat. § 121.E. 11(b) (Health Standards; Immunizations; School Children)

Kindergarten and 1st Grade Early Admittance is a required policy of Osprey Wilds.

**Cross References:** Policy 110 (Student Admissions)  
Policy 607 (Organization of Grade Levels)  
Lottery Procedure