

# Three Rivers School District

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## EARLY ENTRY ENTRANCE

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Oregon statute states: ".....However, nothing in this section prevents a district school board from admitting free of charge a child whose needs for cognitive, social and physical development would best be met in the school program, as defined by policies of the district school board, to enter school even though the child had not attained the minimum age requirements..."

1. ~~Students who do not meet the minimum age requirements for entry into kindergarten or first grade may be admitted if all of the following conditions are met:~~
  - a. ~~Will have their fifth / sixth birthday by November 15 of the year they are making application.~~
  - b. ~~The parents file an application and supply information needed to process the application.~~
  - c. ~~The student demonstrates that he/she has the cognitive, social, and physical development necessary to benefit from early entry to kindergarten / first grade.~~
2. ~~District personnel members shall provide parents with an explanation of any test results, observations, etc., that are the basis for the decision.~~
3. ~~The Superintendent or his/her designee shall identify screening processes and instruments which will provide a dependable assessment.~~
4. ~~Parents will be required to pay an assessment fee established by the School Board.~~
5. ~~Parents will be informed in writing of the findings of the advisory team for early entry. Decisions cannot be appealed.~~

A student is considered six years of age and 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.

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 school may be allowed for a student who does not meet the minimum age requirement for entry into kindergarten or 1<sup>st</sup> grade and whose fifth/sixth birthday takes place between September 2- November 15. Early entry may be allowed for a student 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. Social development;
3. Physical development.

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 the special testing involved.

END OF POLICY

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**Legal Reference(s):**

ORS 327.006  
ORS.336.092  
ORS 336.095  
ORS 339.115  
ORS 343.395  
SB 321 (2015)