

Morrow County School District

Code: JEBA-AR
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Early Entrance**

~~If a~~ A request for early admission to kindergarten or first grade ~~is~~ must be received by the district by June 1st, ~~and~~; the following guidelines will be used:

1. In order to qualify for early entry the student must be five years old as of midnight on October 1 to apply for the evaluation procedure and consideration for early kindergarten enrollment.
2. The Request for Early Entrance form must be filled out by a parent. The completion of this form and ~~receipt of a formal evaluation~~ a nationally standardized assessment administered and interpreted by a school psychologist -will activate the early entry committee. Members of that committee may include ~~are: kindergarten or first-grade teachers~~ instructional staff with kindergarten or first grade experience, ~~the~~ a speech and language therapist, building principal(s) and the Director of Elementary Education.;
3. The parents will be made aware that ~~it is their responsibility to secure testing by a qualified agency approved by the Director of Elementary Education~~ their child will be tested by a school psychologist.

Three areas that must be tested include:

- a. Cognitive development (intelligence);
- ~~b. —~~ Affective (social/emotional development). ; ~~and~~
- ~~c.~~ b. Physical.

Test scores should be in the top quartile for entering the requested grade level.

4. The early entry committee will review the test information and the parent interview forms. If a student has met the requirements of the nationally standardized assessment and is to be considered for early entrance, the student will also be required to participate in a one-day screening/observation to assess grade level readiness skills conducted by the district during August;
5. All information must be received by the Director of Elementary Education on or before the end of the second week in August. ~~15th;~~
6. The screening committee will make recommendation to the superintendent, and parents will be notified ~~in~~ by the end of the third week in August. The student will not be permitted to participate in Jump Start Summer School if they are not yet approved for early entry;
7. A written appeal can be made by the parents to the superintendent who may affirm, reverse or modify the early entry committee's decision. A subsequent hearing may be held with the Board if the respective decision does not meet with the approval of the parent(s).

REQUEST FOR EARLY ENTRANCE

Date _____ (must be received by June 1st)

Child Name _____ Child Date of Birth _____

Board Policy JEBA – Early entry into kindergarten may be allowed for a student whose fifth birthday occurs after September 1 but no later than October 1 and who is sufficiently advanced to succeed in the education program based on an analysis by a qualified professional of his/her: cognitive, social and physical development.

In order to be considered for early entrance into kindergarten a student must be five years old before October 1, no exceptions.

Students must be tested using a nationally standardized assessment administered and interpreted by a psychologist specially trained to understand and evaluate student growth and development. Students must be tested in the following areas:

- Cognitive development;
- Affective (social/emotional development);
- ~~Physical.~~

I request that my child be reviewed for early admission to:
(Check one) Kindergarten First grade

I ~~will have~~ consent to have _____ (Child name) evaluated ~~at my expense~~ by the school psychologist in the following areas:

1. Cognitive (intelligence);
2. Affective (social/emotional);
3. ~~Physical.~~

I understand the test scores must equal or surpass the established norms for the requested attendance grade level in all areas of assessment by the end of the second week in August 15. I will receive written information from the district concerning my request by the end of the third week in August ~~within three weeks of providing them with the test scores.~~

Parent Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Parent Signature

Date

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