



Dear Parent/Guardian:

Thank you for your interest in the Early Kindergarten Entrance Option for your child. Cologne Academy offers an early entrance option for children who will turn 5 years old between September 2 and October 31. According to School Board Policy 607-, a student may be considered for early kindergarten entrance if the following can be clearly demonstrated: a high level of academic achievement in all areas of the curriculum, intellectual ability two standard deviations above average (i.e., IQ score at least 130), social and emotional maturity, and a high degree of persistence. In order to meet these policy requirements the district has established an Early Kindergarten Entrance Evaluation process for all early entrance candidates. On average, only one or two children are accepted per year for early entrance at Cologne Academy.

The evaluation consists of two stages of assessment. In the first stage, the family contacts Cologne Academy's Principal, in writing, to request early admission for their child; the parents must have completed an early childhood screening and provide documentation and results to the school in their written request. Next, the child is interviewed by a Cologne Academy kindergarten teacher for academic and social emotional screening. If children meet the screening criteria in the first stage, they are recommended to move to the second stage of the evaluation. In the second stage, children are to be administered an individual intelligence test by an outside school psychologist at no cost to Cologne Academy. After all the information is collected from both stages of the assessment, a decision on early kindergarten entrance is made by the district Early Kindergarten Entrance Evaluation Team (Kindergarten teacher, school psychologist, school's principal, and director).

To apply for the Early Kindergarten Entrance Option for the upcoming school year, please complete all three pages of the application form. In addition, applicants will be subject to all open enrollment policy and procedure. Please see open enrollment information. Note, the law requires charter schools to give certain students priority, before accepting others by lot. These include:

1. Siblings of an enrolled pupil and foster children of that pupil's parents.
2. Cologne Academy staff's children
3. All others

If you have questions regarding this evaluation process, please feel free to contact Mrs Mase, Lower School Principal, at mmasecologneacademy.org or 952 466-2276.

Sincerely,

Dr. Lynn Peterson
Executive Director
lpeterson@cologneacademy.org

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EARLY KINDERGARTEN ENTRANCE APPLICATION FORM

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| CHILD'S NAME: | SEX: M / F | BIRTH DATE: |
| STREET ADDRESS: | CITY: | ZIP CODE: |
| HOME TELEPHONE: | EMAIL: | |
| SCHOOL CHILD WILL ATTEND: | | |
| PARENT/GUARDIAN: | PHONE NUMBER: | |
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| PRIMARY LANGUAGE SPOKEN AT HOME: | | |

SIBLINGS:

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PLEASE LIST ALL PRESCHOOLS ATTENDED AND DATES OF ATTENDANCE:

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| SCHOOL: | DATES ATTENDED: |
| PERSON TO CONTACT: | PHONE #: |
| SCHOOL: | DATES ATTENDED: |
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By signing below you give us permission to call the above references:

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| PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE: |
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If your child has not attended preschool, please list any preschool-type experience your child has had:

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7. Describe the gross motor activities your child enjoys (i.e.: skipping, swinging, catching):

8. Mark the self--help tasks your child can perform independently:

Zip: _____ Button: _____ Tie: _____ Dress in outer clothing: _____
Manage toileting: _____

9. Describe your child's ability to play or work with other children:

10. Describe how your child reacts to frustration or conflict with others or with unfamiliar activities:

11. What do you see as possible advantages and disadvantages of Acceleration?

Advantages:

Disadvantages:

After completing this application form, mail it to the address below:

Cologne Academy
Attn: Early Kindergarten Entrance 1221
South Village Parkway
Cologne, MN 55322