

Age of Entrance**Kindergarten**

A student is eligible to enter Kindergarten if the student will be at least five (5) years old on or before September 30th of that year.

First Grade

A student is eligible to enter First Grade if the student will be at least six (6) years old on or before September 30 of that year.

Early Admission for Kindergarten & First Grade

The Inter-Lakes School District recognizes that each learner is unique and as such “typical” age requirements do not always meet the individual needs. In an effort to accommodate such needs the following early admission conditions have been established:

- Early admission will be considered for a child who will be at least at least five (5) years old on or by October 31st of the year for which admittance is requested to kindergarten and six (6) years old on or by October 31st of the year which admittance is requested to First Grade. Exceptions after October 31st will not be considered.
- The parent should submit a written request to the Superintendent preferably by mid-August-prior to the school year for which admittance is requested.

For children meeting these conditions, the District will:

- Make contact with the parent/guardian to review the established assessment process.
- Schedule assessments that consider the emotional, social, intellectual, and physical readiness of the student for early admission. The individual evaluation will be conducted by District personnel at no cost to the parent. Assessments will be scheduled in July and August prior to the school year in question.
- Only permit early admission for children who demonstrate an accelerated development level appropriate for entrance to Kindergarten and First Grade in all assessed areas
- Communicate the assessment results and the Superintendent’s decision regarding the early entrance request with the parent(s)/guardian(s) within fifteen (15) days after the completion of the assessment.

The decision of the Superintendent regarding early admission shall be final, and may not be appealed to the School Board.

Incoming Transfer Students for Kindergarten & First Grade

A child who does not meet the age requirement for Kindergarten and First Grade, but is transferring from an established school/program of study will be placed in the grade-level assigned at the time of transfer. If concerns develop regarding the student’s performance, school personnel will communicate with the parent(s)/guardian(s) about supplemental opportunities available to support the child’s learning. A placement decision will be made.

Legal References:

RSA: 193: Duty of Parent; Compulsory Attendance by Pupil

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