

Children must be five years old by August 1 to be eligible to enroll in kindergarten. However, if your child will turn five (5) years old before December 31, parents may request early enrollment to Kindergarten. Trigg County Public Schools will work with you to determine if your child demonstrates the advanced school readiness skills needed to be successful in school.

Please make your decision about having your child assessed for early enrollment into kindergarten carefully. School is more than just academics. Maturity and social competence are often as important to a child's overall success as intellectual capacity. Early enrollment should be viewed as a means of meeting a child's needs. The key to determining whether or not early enrollment is appropriate for a child is developmental readiness. Even though a child may have a lot of ability, he/she may not be ready for kindergarten. Other important factors to consider are social maturity, personal development and motor development. Early enrollment is designed for the exceptional child who is both academically ready as well as developmentally mature when compared to others his/her chronological age.

What should a parent consider when deciding to seek Early Enrollment?

- Is my child capable of working in a classroom setting with children who are one year older than he/she?
- Will my child be frustrated by this placement?
- What are the possible long-term impacts as my child progresses through elementary, middle and high school (i.e., beginning college at a younger age)?
- Do I understand the expectations for students in kindergarten today?

There is a difference between ability and achievement. Some children may appear exceptional simply because of their access to opportunities (i.e., preschool programs, parents working with them on skills or access to learning materials). Early enrollment is designed for the child who has high ability and easily achieves when presented with new material. Once the decision has been made for early entrance, the choice is difficult to reverse. If a child is evaluated as a good candidate for early enrollment to kindergarten, it is important that all stakeholders are supportive of the decision.

Trigg County Public Schools has established guidelines (Board Policy 09.121) to determine a student's level of academic and social skills when that student is being considered for early enrollment. The district will conduct a screening and possibly an evaluation process to help determine a child's readiness to engage in and benefit from early enrollment to school.

How does a parent request Early Enrollment?

1. Submit the "Petition for Early Enrollment Form" (Board Policy/Procedure 09.121 AP.21) to Trigg County Primary School Guidance Office
2. Provide proof of age

Ideally, parents should submit a request for Early Enrollment by June 30 prior to the beginning of the school year in order to provide adequate time for the screening/evaluation process to take place.

How will the screening and/or evaluation be completed?

1. Upon receipt of the Petition for Early Enrollment Form, the district will screen the child using the Brigance Early Childhood Screens. This is a 10-15 minute screening of the child in language, motor, self-help, social-emotional, and cognitive skills.
2. Based upon the results, the district may schedule an appointment to administer the Brigance for Kindergarten.
3. If the child scores at the 95th percentile or above in all areas, then an appointment may be scheduled for an individual evaluation by the school psychologist.

How Do I Know if My Child Qualifies for Early Enrollment?

Parents will be provided with the written results of the screening and/or evaluations completed on their child. Communication will occur between the parent and a district representative (i.e., Assistant Superintendent, Trigg County Primary School Principal and/or Trigg County Primary School Guidance Counselor) to discuss the results. Children must meet the requirements of Board Policy/Procedure 09.121 AP.21 in order to qualify for early enrollment.

If a child does not qualify for early enrollment, then the child is eligible to attend the Trigg County Public Schools Preschool Program.

Petition for Early Enrollment Form

CHILD'S NAME _____ BIRTHDATE: _____

MALE FEMALE AGE _____ SCHOOL YEAR _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____ COUNTY _____

CONTACT NUMBERS (Home) _____ (Work) _____ (Cell) _____

REQUEST PETITION FOR EARLY ENROLLMENT FOR WHICH SCHOOL? _____

REASON(S) FOR REQUEST: _____

Parent/Guardian's Signature **Date**

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Date Received in Central Office _____ Date Screened: _____

Requested school at or over cap size? Yes No

Child scored at or above District criteria score on all components of District approved screener?

Yes No Comments: _____

PETITION FOR EARLY ENROLLMENT Recommended Not Recommended

Assistant Superintendent of Instruction **Date**

PETITION FOR EARLY ENROLLMENT Recommended Not Recommended

Superintendent Signature **Date**

PETITION FOR EARLY ENROLLMENT Approved Not Approved

Board Chair Signature **Date**

Petition for Early Enrollment Form
CONSENT TO SCREEN FOR EARLY ENROLLMENT

Child's Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Because my child will turn five (5) years old before December 31 of the current school year, I am requesting early entrance to Kindergarten in Trigg County Schools, pursuant [KRS 158.030](#).

I give permission for an individual screening of my child to determine if my child meets the District's criteria for early entrance admission.

I understand that the screening will be conducted by qualified District staff through the use of the BRIGANCE ® Early Childhood Kindergarten Screen to include the basic assessment (motor skills, communication skills, and academic skills), self-help rating scale, and social-emotional rating scale. The assessment tool is selected and administered so as not to be discriminatory on a racial or cultural basis and administered appropriately for individuals with limited English proficiency. Screenings shall be administered in the child's native language or other mode of communication.

I have been advised in my native language or other mode of communication and understand the contexts of this consent.

Parent/guardian Signature

Date

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CONSENT TO SCREEN FOR EARLY ENROLLMENT

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BRIGANCE ®

Area	Raw Score	Percentile
Motor Skills		
Communication Skills		
Academic Skills		
Self-Help Scale		
Social-Emotional Scale		

Child must be at 95th percentile in all areas.

EVALUATION:

Battelle Developmental Quotient	Percentile
Social Emotional	
Motor	
Communication	
Adaptive	
IQ Assessment	

Child must score at or above the 75th percentile in all areas of the Battelle and three areas must be at 85th percentile or above AND the IQ assessment must be at the 90th percentile or above.

Petition for Early Enrollment: Recommended Not Recommended

School Psychologist Signature

Date

Petition for Early Enrollment: Recommended Not Recommended

Assistant Superintendent of Instruction Signature

Date
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