

## FAQ - Early Entrance to Kindergarten Testing

### Q: Who can apply to be tested for Early Entrance to Kindergarten?

- Students who will turn 5 between September 1st and October 31st.
- Students who reside in the Tacoma School district.
  - [Address Look-Up Tool](#)

### Q: How do I know if my child is ready for kindergarten?

Your student's eligibility for early entrance to kindergarten will be based on readiness for kindergarten. Please review the Kindergarten report card for more information of what students are expected to master over the year in kindergarten.

- [Kindergarten Report Card](#)
- [TPS Curriculum and Instruction Kindergarten Page](#)

### Q: How many children typically meet the criteria for Early Entrance?

- In the last 5 years, approximately 2% of students that were tested met all of testing criteria.

### Q: How do I apply for testing

Applications for Early Entrance testing is annually in June and the application window opens in April.

- Submit a completed application and parent questionnaire online.

### Q: What is the testing process

- The test is approximately 60 minutes.
- Testing is one-on-one while parents wait outside of the testing room.
- Tests are administered in English only.
- Results will be given after student completes the test

### Q: What happens if my student qualifies?

- Enrollment is dependent on space available at your neighborhood school
- Enrollment is for a 30-day trial period.

### Q: What happens if my student does not qualify?

- Decisions are final.
- There is no appeal of the testing results per district policy no. 3110.
  - There may be space available in a preschool program. You may contact Early Learning for availability at <https://www.tacomaschools.org/departments/early-learning-preschool>.

Please review the Early Entrance to Kindergarten Parent/Guardian Information PowerPoint on the website for detailed information on kindergarten readiness and the testing process. For additional questions or concerns please contact the Highly Capable office at [hcservices@tacoma.k12.wa.us](mailto:hcservices@tacoma.k12.wa.us) or at 253-571-1120.