

## Early Kindergarten Entrance

Early Entrance Applications for the 2023-2024 school year will be available on this site on April 1, 2023.

### General Information

Thank you for your interest in the Litchfield Elementary School District. We offer an early entrance kindergarten exception for children if it is determined to be in the best interest of the child. **Early kindergarten entrance is available for children who live within the LESD district boundaries ONLY. This also applies to employees of the district.**

Children who turn five years old between September 1 and December 31 of the school year that you are wanting your child to start Kindergarten can be evaluated for early kindergarten entrance during a specific time frame in the summer of that year. No early kindergarten requests are granted after the school year starts.

### The Early Kindergarten Acceptance Process

All applicants for early kindergarten entrance that are received in the time frame specified each year will be assessed to determine their maturity level and readiness for learning. Normally applications become available on April 1 for the next school year. Each parent who turns in the completed Early Kindergarten Entrance Request Form by the due date on the application form will be contacted to set up an assessment for their child. The assessment will take place in June and will last approximately 30 minutes.

LESD School Officials will then determine if early entrance for kindergarten is in the best interest of the child. Early entrance will be approved for students who demonstrate exceptional social and emotional maturity, and whose learning needs are advanced. These students should perform similarly in respect to behavior, social, emotional, and academic skills to their older classmates in order to meet the challenges of the LESD kindergarten curriculum. We will admit students early if we feel confident that they can be successful during their kindergarten year and move on to first grade with the necessary skills, maturity, and confidence.

**The decision of our School Officials is final. There is no appeals process.**