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Dear Parent/Guardian:

Thank you for your interest in Early Entrance Evaluation for your child. The Wayzata School District has an Early Entrance Evaluation process for kindergarten and first grade, for children who live within the district and whose birthday falls between September 2 and October 15. Children who will reach the age of five by October 15 may be considered for kindergarten and those turning six by October 15 may be considered for first grade.

According to School Board Policy 505-R, a student may be considered for early entrance if the following can be clearly demonstrated: a high level of academic achievement in all areas of the curriculum (with special emphasis on reading, writing and mathematics), 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 Entrance Evaluation process for all early entrance candidates. On average, only one or two children are accepted per year for early entrance in the district.

The evaluation process consists of the parent information requested in the application and two stages of assessment conducted by Wayzata district staff. In the first stage of assessment, children are interviewed by a Wayzata Public Schools teacher for academic and social emotional screening. The academic criteria in the first stage require children to be proficient in the academic standards at the grade level for which they are applying. This ensures that students are well prepared and are able to perform above average for that grade level.

If children meet the screening criteria in the first stage, they are recommended to move to the second stage of assessments. In the second stage, children are administered an individual intelligence test by a Wayzata Public Schools psychologist. In addition, parents and previous teachers (if available) may also be asked to complete a social/emotional/behavior rating scale to supplement the social and emotional screening conducted by the Wayzata Public Schools teacher. The parent information requested in the application and teacher observations are part of the information gathering phase of the evaluation process, as required by the state. After all the information is collected, the Early Entrance Evaluation team will make the decision on early entrance.

To apply for Early Entrance Evaluation for the upcoming school year, please complete all three pages of the application form and mail it along with a non-refundable check for \$200.00 made payable to ISD #284 by May 1st. Economic hardship options may be available. If you live within the school district and show proof of residency, and your child meets the birthdate eligibility requirement, you will be contacted to schedule an interview for the first stage of the evaluation. District staff will evaluate eligible students from mid-May through early June and will make a decision by the end of June.

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If you have questions regarding this evaluation process, please feel free to contact Demae DeRocher, Wayzata Research and Evaluation Department Administrative Professional, at [Demae.DeRocher@wayzataschools.org](mailto:Demae.DeRocher@wayzataschools.org) or (763) 745-6016.

Sincerely,

Stacey Lackner, Ph.D.  
Director of Research and Evaluation  
Wayzata Public Schools



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## Department of Research and Evaluation Early Entrance Evaluation Application

Child's Name:		Sex: M / F	Birth Date:
Street Address:		City:	ZIP Code:
Home Telephone:		Email:	
Parent/Guardian:		Phone Number:	
Parent/Guardian:		Phone Number:	
Primary Language Spoken at Home:		School Your Child Would Attend:	
Request for Early Entrance Into (Circle One):			
Kindergarten		First Grade	

**Siblings:**

	Sex: M / F	Age:
	Sex: M / F	Age:
	Sex: M / F	Age:

**References:** Please list all previous schools attended (including preschools and kindergarten programs, as applicable) and dates of attendance.

School:	Dates Attended:
Contact Person:	Phone #:
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Contact Person:	Phone #:
School:	Dates Attended:
Contact Person:	Phone #:

By signing below, you give us permission to call the above references:

Parent Name (Please Print)	
Parent/Guardian Signature:	Date:

8. Describe the gross motor activities your child enjoys (i.e.: skipping, swinging, catching, etc.)
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
9. Describe your child's ability to play or work with other children. How does your child react to conflicts with other children?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
10. Describe how your child reacts to frustration or challenging activities.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
11. What do you see as possible advantages of early entrance for your child?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
12. What do you see as possible disadvantages of early entrance for your child?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
13. If you have any additional information you would like to have considered, please provide that below.

After completing this application form, mail it along with a non-refundable check for \$200, payable to ISD #284, to the address below:

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