



**Edmonds
School District**
Early Entrance – 2023-2024 School Year

Early Entrance into Kindergarten or First Grade

Children who turn 5 (Kindergarten) or 6 (First Grade) years of age between September 1 and December 31, 2023 must meet specific District requirements for early entrance into kindergarten or first grade.

General Information:

- ✓ Parents must submit an application, copy of the child's proof of birth, and the \$100 fee to the District office by **May 22, 2023**
- ✓ If you feel your income qualifies you for a free evaluation, please include proof of income with your application.
- ✓ Appointments will be emailed to parents **May 25-26, 2023** (*subject to change*)
- ✓ Assessments will be conducted by District staff (results from private psychologists will not be accepted).
- ✓ We will screen candidates on **June 3, 2023** for early entrance for the 2023-2024 school year at Lynndale Elementary, 19030 72nd Avenue W, Lynnwood

Evaluation & fees:

- Candidates are screened by a District team of Kindergarten teachers and/or school psychologists in a small-group setting
- The fee for the screening is **\$100** (\$0 if you qualify for a reduced fee evaluation). Please submit your payment with the application.
- **We will refund your fee only if your child does not separate from you on the day of the evaluation, or you notify us of your intent to withdraw by June 2, 2023.**
- You will receive the results of your child's evaluation by email by **July 17, 2023**.

Other Important Info:

- ✓ **At least one caregiver must also attend a MANDATORY, informational meeting about Early Entrance on May 31, 2023 at 6 PM** . Your child will not be evaluated for early entrance and your fee will be returned if a caregiver does not attend the **MANDATORY** meeting.
- ✓ ***First Grade early entrance only:*** please request a *First Grade Early Entrance Form* if your child is currently enrolled in a private, accredited Kindergarten.
- ✓ **Evaluation period:** Successful candidates must also attend Kindergarten Jump Start, scheduled for August 21-24, 2023 and complete a 25 school-day evaluation period which begins on the first day of school.
 - Extended absences during the 25 school-day valuation period are not recommended and may impact the final decision whether the student will be able to remain in Kindergarten or need to re-enroll in the 2023-24 school year.
 - First grade candidates who do not successfully complete the 25 school-day period will be placed in Kindergarten.
- ✓ **The school team may decide at any time during the evaluation period if early entrance is appropriate.**
- ✓ **Conversations:** Families may request a conversation with the assistant superintendent if their child did not meet the criteria for early entrance based on the evaluation results.

*As outlined by Edmonds School District School Board policy and procedure 3110 & 3110P. (*Pursuant to WAC 392-335-010*)

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Questions? Contact Early Entrance at 425.431.7344 or email earlyentrance@edmonds.wednet.edu.



Early Entrance Checklist Important Due Dates and Timeline for Parents

Date	Who	What
<input type="checkbox"/>	Parent/caregiver	<i>Considered the implications of early entrance on my child's long-term development (Important Information for Parents to Consider about Early Entrance)</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Parent/caregiver	<i>Submitted</i> either online or paper copy of the application, copy of child's birth certificate, and \$100 fee to the Edmonds School District
ASAP but no later than May 22 by 4:00 pm		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Edmonds School District	Emailed Appointment times to parents
May 25-26		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Parent/caregiver	<i>Attended MANDATORY</i> parent meeting at Lynndale Elementary, 19030 72 nd Avenue W, Lynnwood
May 31, 6:00 pm		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Parent/caregiver	Last opportunity to <i>cancel</i> evaluation appointment and receive refund
June 2, 4:00 pm		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Parent/caregiver	Brought my child to evaluation (<i>parent/caregiver must be in attendance and wait while the assessment is completed</i>)
June 3		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Edmonds School District	Emailed evaluation results to parents
By July 17		
<u>If Approved for Early Entrance</u>		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Parent/caregiver	<i>Enrolled</i> my child for neighborhood school
July 18 to August 18		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Parent/caregiver	Brought my child to <i>Jump Start to Kindergarten</i> (attendance MANDATORY for Early Entrance)
August 21-24		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Parent/caregiver	Attended <i>Family Connection Meeting</i> (appointments set by school)
September TBD		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Parent/caregiver	Brought my child to <i>first day of school</i>
September TBD		



Important Information for Parents to Consider about Early Entrance

Parents, please note that the early entrance process is designed to provide an opportunity for children who do not meet the August 31 cut-off age as mandated by the state of Washington, but are academically ready and **advanced**, to enter kindergarten early. These children must also demonstrate advanced characteristics socially, emotionally, and in their thinking schools. All of these factors demonstrate readiness for the elementary classroom environment.

Students who are ready for kindergarten early are advanced in multiple areas when compared to their same-age peers, or other children of the same birth month and year. Many students can demonstrate academic ability based on the exposure provided by parents and daycare settings; however, few children will demonstrate the aptitude or thinking ability needed to enter kindergarten early. When considering early entrance into kindergarten, keep in mind it is a process designed to meet the academic and social needs of the child, not as a replacement for childcare. Students accepted into kindergarten early will be placed in a class where peers could be up to two years older. They will also be expected to attend kindergarten for a full day during the 25 school-day evaluation period.

The following factors and questions should be considered when determining if the early entrance process is something you wish to pursue for your child. It's also very important to note that the evaluation can be exhausting for a four-year old. **Please consider the effects of perceived failure on a young child, taking care to praise and provide support if s/he does not pass the evaluation.**

Questions to Consider	Factors/Characteristics to Consider
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Is my child capable of working successfully with children who are one to two years older? ● Does my child adapt well to change, or will the adjustment frustrate him/her? ● What long term impacts will early kindergarten placement have on my child's long term academic career (e.g. beginning college and high-school a year early)? ● Does my child ask questions to advance his/her learning? ● Can my child read, comprehend, and/or make connections to a story? Can my child decode challenging words? ● Does my child have an understanding of basic math concepts, such as shapes, time, number recognition? ● Does my child demonstrate leadership with same-age peers? ● Is my child able to maintain interest for long periods of time? ● Does my child demonstrate a curiosity about learning new things? ● Does my child demonstrate strong memory and recall skills? ● Is my child able to maintain a structured schedule for longer periods of time than same-age peers? 	<p>My child...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Believes he/she can experience success at new tasks ● Can maintain personal care and hygiene with little assistance from adults (e.g., use the bathroom, tie shoes, button and zip garments) ● Thoughtfully considers feedback and adjust behavior accordingly ● Has the ability to focus attention for long periods of instruction ● Demonstrates fine and large motor skill coordination ● Can be separated from a parent without being upset ● Demonstrates strong interpersonal skills with students of his/her own age and older peers ● Follows routines and schedules ● Is enthusiastic about elementary school ● Follows given and multi-step directions



Edmonds School District

Application for Early Entrance Screening

Submit with fee ASAP (but no later than 4:00 pm on May 22, 2023)

Child's Full Name: _____ Birth Date _____
Month Day Year

Applying for: Kindergarten First Grade Assigned Neighborhood School _____

Street Address: _____ City _____ Zip _____

My child has attended preschool: Yes No Name of Preschool: _____

Address of Preschool _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Parent/Guardian _____ Home Phone: _____

Email _____

Parent needs an interpreter for the parent/guardian meeting: Yes No Language _____

FEE: \$100 (or \$0 if you feel you will qualify for a reduced fee evaluation) is required with this application to reserve an appointment. Payment may be made by checks payable to the Edmonds School District or money order (do not send cash).

You will receive a refund of the fees **only** if your child does not separate from you at the time of the evaluation, or you notify us of your intent to cancel by June 2, 2023.

I am applying for a free evaluation based on my income status (based on free/reduced lunch income criteria).

Yes No

If yes, please note below the number in household and your gross monthly income.

Total # of people living in your household? _____ What is your gross monthly income? _____

To reserve an appointment, please submit this form with the \$100 fee and a copy of your child's proof of birth as soon as possible but **no later than 4:00 pm on May 22, 2023 to**

Edmonds School District, Attn: Kari McGie at 20420 68th Ave W, Lynnwood, 98036.

Permission for Assessment

The Edmonds School District may evaluate the child named above to determine eligibility to enter kindergarten (or first grade). I understand that the results of this testing will be shared with me, appropriate District staff, and will be made a part of my child's school record, but will not be shared with other parties except with my written permission or in compliance with a judicial order. I understand that my child must pass all required components of the assessment, attend Jump Start for Kindergarten, and have good attendance during the 25-school day evaluation period in order to be eligible for early entrance into Kindergarten (or first grade).

Parent/Guardian Signature

Relationship to Child

Date

To be completed by Edmonds School District:

Date Received: _____

Proof of Birth Received: Yes No

Fee Received: Yes No Amount \$ _____ Online CK M Order

Preschool Survey Yes Date sent: _____