

Policy Title	Policy Number	Date Approved/Revised
Early Entrance To Kindergarten	625	Adopted: 3/17/15 Revised: 5/21/19

1) General Statement of Policy

A child being evaluated for early entrance to Kindergarten must demonstrate the cognitive, social, emotional, physical maturity for continuing success in school beyond kindergarten. The early entrance assessment is designed to select students who demonstrate superior development in all of these areas. Research and experience indicate that most children will have a more successful experience if they enter school with their age mates. Only a small number of students are recommended for early entrance to kindergarten. State law indicates, "No person shall be admitted to any public school (1) as a kindergarten pupil, unless the pupil is at least five years of age on September 1 of the calendar year in which the school year for which the pupil seeks admission commences... except that any school board may establish a policy for admission of selected pupils at an earlier age." (Statute 120A.20 Admission to Public School)

Any child who is five years of age on or before October 31 may be eligible for early entrance to kindergarten. A written application for early entrance to kindergarten must be submitted by the child's parent or guardian to the Director of Student Services on or before May 15 of the year in which entrance is requested. An exception may be considered by the Student Services Director for families who move into the district after May 1.

The Director of Student Services is responsible for identifying an evaluation team, coordinating an evaluation process, and securing the recommendation regarding eligibility for early entrance. Early entrance assessments will typically be completed between June 15 and June 30 of the year early entrance is requested.

Rationale: District 622 - North St. Paul-Maplewood-Oakdale School District recognizes that the purpose of this policy is to provide an evaluation process for early entrance to kindergarten.

Adoption and Revision History	Incorporated Policies
Policy E-009 EARLY ENTRANCE TO KINDERGARTEN This Policy Adopted: March 17, 2015	
Policy 625 EARLY ENTRANCE TO KINDERGARTEN This Policy Revised: May 21, 2019	625

Administrative Rule, Regulation and Procedure: EEK Procedures E-009P

Legal References: Minn. Statute 120A.20 (Admission to Public School)

Cross References: Minnesota Department of Education Early Entrance: Comprehensive Evaluation Guidance (December, 2013)