

Most Frequently Asked Questions About Testing for Early Entry into Kindergarten/1st Grade

How long does it take?

The actual testing usually takes about 45 minutes.

What tests are used for Kindergarten and/or First Grade?

The assessment used is the Brigance Early Childhood Screen III. This is a norm-referenced, research based, reliable tool for indicating readiness for advancement. For more information about this assessment, you can visit www.BRIGANCE.com.

How can I prepare my child for the testing?

Preparation can only be of a general nature such as reassuring the child that he/she must do his/her best. It is not about passing or failing.

What is the cost for the testing?

The fee for testing is \$100. This may be reduced or waived for families who qualify for free and reduced lunch.

Why is there a cost for the testing?

Since public schools are responsible only for children of school age, they receive no funding for young children. Parents are charged for the testing so that the school district can meet its costs for this process. In addition to the time that personnel spend with you and your child, the tests must be scored and evaluated and reports written. There are also administrative costs related to organizing the process, meeting and conferring with the people involved, and evaluating the information obtained.

How do I get the test results?

After testing, documentation will be provided to the building principal of the attendance area school. The principal will share the test information with the parent(s)