

EARLY ENTRANCE INTO KINDERGARTEN

1. The parent provides proof that the child's 5th birthday falls between September 11th and December 31st of the year of enrollment.
2. Parents complete an Early Entrance Referral Form - **the form, which must be submitted by April 15th**, will ask for the child's name, date of birth, the type of request (Early Entrance to Kindergarten), reasons for early entrance, and contact information. In addition, parents will be asked to provide relevant information that supports their belief that early entrance to school is in the best interest of their child.
3. Parents who decide to apply for early entrance for their child must use a psychologist or other qualified examiner to obtain the required child evaluation **at parent expense. The completed evaluation report along with the Early Entrance Referral form should be returned to the district office no later than May 15th.**
4. The child's parent(s)/guardian(s) submit documentation by May 15th to include but not limited to the results of:
 - An individual mental/intelligence measurement test (parents who decide to apply for early entrance for their child must use a psychologist or other qualified examiner to obtain the required child evaluation report **at parent expense.**
 - A readiness test
 - A physician's statement attesting to the child's physical, emotional and social readiness
 - Any recommendations and supporting evidence from the child's preschool teacher(s)
5. The superintendent will ask that the building principal and appropriate staff review the evaluation report materials and make a preliminary recommendation based on the material submitted for review.
6. A conference will be held by the principal and appropriate staff of the enrolling school with the parent(s)/guardian(s) with a complete Early Entrance Referral Form and subsequent required documentation to discuss the preliminary recommendation based on a review of the material submitted for consideration.
7. Superintendent will make a decision regarding the enrollment of the child based on the information presented. His recommendation will be submitted to the Board of Trustees.
8. Children who are accepted for early entrance will be enrolled on a probationary basis. The school staff will assess each child's initial adjustment to school during the first twenty (20) school days. If a child's initial adjustment is not satisfactory, the principal will request that the child enroll when the child meets the state's enrollment age requirement for the appropriate grade level. If it is determined that the child's adjustment is satisfactory, the child may continue enrollment under the early entrance program.

Hellgate Elementary Accepted Intelligence Testing Protocols...

- ✓ Wechsler Preschool and Primary Scale of Intelligence™ – Fourth Edition (WIPPSI-IV) – IQ Assessment; or
- ✓ Stanford-Binet Intelligence Scales (SB5) – IQ Assessment; or
- ✓ Kaufman Assessment Battery for Children, 2nd Edition (K-ABC-II) – IQ Assessment; or.
- ✓ Differential Ability Scales (DAS-2) – IQ Assessment
- ✓ Achenbach Child Behavior Checklist - Social/Emotional/Behavioral Assessment
- ✓ Vineland 3 – Adaptive Behavioral Assessment which assesses the following: (1) communication skills (expressive and receptive language), (2) daily living skills (e.g. ability to follow rules and routines), (3) socialization skills (peer interactions and play skills), and (4) fine/gross motor skills.