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POLICY # 533.1 EARLY ADMISSION TO KINDERGARTEN

Minnesota state law provides for children to begin kindergarten if they reach the age of five on or before September 1 of the school year. However by ruling of the Board of Education, children are eligible to enroll in kindergarten if their birthday falls between September 1 and October 30 of the school year. If you would like to make application for the early admission of your child to kindergarten, please follow these procedures.

Procedures for Early Admission:

1. Secure an application form from the school, complete and return to the Principal. Requests for early admission should be submitted to the school officials by April 1st of the school year in which application is being made.
2. Children who turn five (5) before October 30th may be considered for early admission. A copy of the birth certificate is required to make application.
3. The child must meet the criteria in the following assessments to be eligible for early entrance to kindergarten:
 - a. Early Childhood Screener (ESI P or ESI K)
 - b. Individual Growth and Development Indicators (IGDI's)
 - c. Pre-Numeracy Indicators (PNI's)
 - d. Clinical Evaluation of Language Fundamentals (CELF)
 - e. Social/Emotional/Behavioral Checklist
4. Placement decisions will be based on all data collected. The school reserves the right to make the final placement decision.
5. If the child meets the above criteria, a formal meeting will be held to discuss placement in the kindergarten program. Staffing members may include parents, principal, and district school psychologist.

Legal References: Minn. Stat. 120A.20