



## **607.1 EARLY ENTRANCE TO KINDERGARTEN**

### **I. PURPOSE**

The School Board recognizes that there may be occasions when it is appropriate to admit a child to school prior to the regular entrance age of five (5) years on or before September 1 of a school year. The purpose of this policy is to provide information and guidance to families and professional staff regarding early entrance to kindergarten.

### **II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY**

- A. The policy of the school district is to fully comply with Minn. Stat. § 124D.02 requiring school districts to have a board-adopted policy for early admission to kindergarten for select students.
- B. The school district will adopt procedures that establish a comprehensive evaluation for early admission to kindergarten. These procedures will include how the school district will:
- C. The school district will gather information regarding the student's academic, social, and emotional readiness for kindergarten.
- D. The school district will help determine the child's ability to meet kindergarten grade expectations.
- E. Children 5 years of age, on or before September 1st are eligible to enter Kindergarten. If a child's birth date falls after September 1st and on or before October 31st, the parent/guardian may request consideration for fall enrollment into kindergarten.
- F. Parents/guardians must submit an Early Entrance to Kindergarten Request Form, found on the District website, to the district by May 1st of each year. Certain extenuating circumstances will be considered with regard to the May 1 deadline. Children considered for early entrance to kindergarten must complete an Early Childhood Screening through the district Early Learning Programs before the request will be considered by the school district.

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