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## **STAPLES MOTLEY ISD #2170 POLICY #509.2 EARLY ADMISSION**

### **1.0 Kindergarten Enrollment**

1.1 Entrants must be five (5) years of age on or before September 1.

Exception: Children who transfer into the Staples Motley School District, who have been currently participating in a Kindergarten educational program in an accredited or approved school, will be permitted to continue their enrollment in Kindergarten. Evidence of this enrollment is the responsibility of the parent. Private nursery schools and similar organizations are not recognized as meeting this exception.

1.2 Children who will be five (5) years of age between September 1<sup>st</sup> and October 15<sup>th</sup> may be considered for early entrance to kindergarten according to the following procedure:

The parent or guardian of such children shall meet with the principal of the school which the child would normally attend to discuss the program and obtain an Early Admission Application Form.

The completed form will be returned to the principal, and will then be reviewed by the building principal and school psychologist.

If they feel early entrance is a possibility, the school psychologist will make arrangements with the parent to administer the following evaluations with the child:

- ✓ An IQ test
- ✓ A measure of Social/Adaptive Functioning
- ✓ A Developmental History Interview with the parents

\*\*\* The cost of these evaluations will be the responsibility of the parent or guardian only if there are additional financial costs to the district. For example, if the assessments are completed during the previous school year, there would likely be no additional personnel costs because the school psychologist is on contract during the school year. However, if the assessments are completed over the summer, additional personnel costs may be incurred due to the additional extended year personnel cost.

The school psychologist will prepare a report of the findings and meet with the principal. Upon recommendation for or against early entrance will then

be made. That recommendation will be reviewed by the superintendent or designee. The parents will be notified of the decision.

1.3 Early entrance to the kindergarten class will be granted on a trial basis. At the end of 4 weeks of school, a meeting with the principal, the parent(s) and teacher will be held to jointly determine continuation of the child in the kindergarten program.

1.4 Decisions may be appealed to the School Board. If an appeal is made, full attention will be given to data privacy requirements.

## 2.0 First Grade Enrollment

2.1 Entrants must be six (6) years of age on or before September 1.

Exception: Children who transfer into the Staples Motley School District, who have been successfully participating in a Kindergarten or First Grade educational program in an accredited or approved school, will be permitted to continue their education at the same grade level in this school system. Evidence of this enrollment is the responsibility of the parent. Private nursery schools and similar organizations are not recognized as meeting this exception.