

KINDERGARTEN ADMISSION

The board believes that kindergarten is an important and integral part of every student's education and strongly advises that all students participate in the kindergarten year. Any child who attains the age of five (5) on or before August 1 will be admitted to the kindergarten program in the Lafayette School Corporation.

It is the policy of the board to admit students to kindergarten whose legal settlement under Indiana statute is in this corporation and who qualify by age with the following exceptions:

- a. Transfer students may be accepted when space is available
- b. An appeal procedure will be available whereby the superintendent of schools or his/her designee may approve early kindergarten entry for qualified students as determined by appropriate assessment(s).
- c. A decision to deny a request for early entry or to revoke an early entry decision is appealable to the board. The early entry cutoff date is not appealable to the board.
- d. Students who move into this corporation after school begins and who were enrolled in a comparable, state accredited kindergarten program in their previous location may continue in kindergarten in this corporation even though they do not meet this corporation's age requirement.
- e. Students who successfully complete a comparable, state accredited kindergarten program in another location and subsequently move into this corporation may enter first grade even though they do not meet this corporation's age requirement.
- f. For children entering school for the first time in the fall of the school year in which they will become seven years of age, the superintendent of schools or his/her designee shall determine their placement in either kindergarten or first grade based upon an assessment procedure.

Any kindergarten student who is accepted to kindergarten under this policy shall be counted by the superintendent for state tuition support in accordance with state law.

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