

Lakeview School District #2167

Early Entry to Kindergarten (Policy 513.1A)

The Lakeview School District supports a philosophy of accommodating for Individual differences in students. With this perspective in mind, the Lakeview School District Board of Education believes that children whose fifth birthday falls between September first and October 31 of this year may be considered for early admission. It is important, however, to keep in mind that these children may be competing in school with children who are fourteen months older than they are. The school does not believe it is educationally sound to admit a child to school early unless he/she is physically, emotionally, and intellectually ready to work with more mature pupils.

If you feel that your child's total development is advanced, you may apply for early entrance. In general, children who are healthy and coordinated, emotionally mature, socially well-adjusted, and above average intelligence may be considered. These children must speak plainly, express themselves well, and be socially outgoing to associate with older, more mature children.

If you believe your child meets the above criteria, please complete the attached form and return it to the building principal. Applications will be accepted (for a September entrance) during the months of May through August. Should a parent/guardian be interested in having their child enter kindergarten early, they are encouraged to contact the building principal during the months of April or May prior to the possible year of entry. Upon receipt of the attached application, the building principal will make arrangements with you and the school staff for the necessary assessments. A copy of your child's birth certificate must be attached to this application. The licensed school staff and building principal will determine whether or not the recommended applicants for early admission meet the following standards:

1. Appropriate levels of Verbal and Performance Intelligence needed for kindergarten success.
2. A high level of competence in basic skill areas of spelling readiness, number concepts, and letter recognition.
3. Social development appropriate for kindergarten.
4. Evidence of a good capacity to engage in precise, structured activity in a consistent and persistent manner.
5. Good physical health and development

At the conclusion of the assessments, a review conference will be scheduled with the parents by the building principal.

Verification of acceptance or rejection will be made in writing to the concerned parents.

“Option” – Should there continue to be concerns for Early Entry to Kindergarten, even though the Building Principal and Staff may not recommend it; the decision can be

appealed to the Board of Education for final approval after taking all information into account.

Children being accepted under Early Entry to Kindergarten will receive registration forms along with other enrollment information following the Board's/Principal's approval.

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