

## 5055

### Enrollment in Kindergarten

Beginning with the 2013-14 school year, a child must reach the age of five on or before July 31<sup>st</sup> of the calendar year to be enrolled in kindergarten. The school district will enroll a child who will reach the age of five between August 1<sup>st</sup> and October 15<sup>th</sup> of the year of enrollment if the parent or guardian requests such enrollment and provides an affidavit stating:

- (a) the child attended kindergarten in another jurisdiction in the current school year; or
- (b) the family anticipates relocating to another jurisdiction that would allow admission within the current year; or
- (c) the child has demonstrated through recognized assessment procedures approved by the board that he or she is capable of performing the work of kindergarten. (See procedure 5055)

Information regarding the Kindergarten Early Entrance process will be provided to parents/guardians as requested through the Central Office.

#### Proof of Age and Identity, Physical Examination, and Immunization

A. Upon enrollment of a student in the District, the enrolling school shall comply with the requirements of subsection two (2) of section 43-2007:

- a. Require compliance with the physical examination and visual evaluation requirements of District Policy 5011.
- b. Require compliance with the immunization requirements of District Policy 5010.
- c. Notify in writing the person enrolling the student that if a birth certificate or other reliable proof was not provided upon enrollment that he or she must provide within thirty (30) days either (a) A certified copy of the student's birth certificate or (b) other reliable proof of the student's identity and age, along with an affidavit explaining the inability to produce a copy of the birth certificate.

#### Withdrawal

In accordance with the Nebraska Compulsory Education Law, any person with legal or actual charge or control of a child who will not reach six (6) years of age prior to January 1 of the then-current school year, may discontinue the enrollment of such child by meeting with the principal and providing the following documentation as part of the withdrawal procedures:

A. A signed affidavit stating that the person intends for the child to participate in a non-accredited or non-approved school and the person intends to provide the Commissioner of Education with a statement pursuant to Nebraska Revised Statute 79-1601 (3) on or before the child's seventh birthday.

B. A signed affidavit stating that the child is participating in an education program that the person believes will prepare the child to enter grade one (1) for the following year.

C. The principal shall notify the Director of Elementary Education of the withdrawal.

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## **Early Entrance Evaluation**

Recognized assessment procedures that the District's Student Services Department follows includes:

Ralston Public Schools will admit to kindergarten any child who will reach the age of five (5) on or before July 31 of the current school year. The district will admit to kindergarten a child who will reach the age of five between August 1 and October 15 of the current school year if the parent guardian request such an entrance under one of the following:

1. The parent/guardian provides a written statement that the child attended kindergarten in another school district in the current school year or that the family anticipates a relocation to another school district where kindergarten admission will be allowed within the current school year.
2. The child has demonstrated that he or she is capable of carrying out the work of kindergarten through appropriate assessment procedures and guidelines.
  - a. Parent(s)/guardian(s) wishing to have their child considered for early entrance must be a resident within the Ralston Public Schools.
  - b. The parent /guardian shall call to schedule an early entrance parent meeting.
  - c. The parent / guardian must attend a parent meeting about early entrance testing.
  - d. If parents decide to move forward with testing, parents must provide the following items:
    - i. A fee paid to Ralston Public Schools.
    - ii. A certified copy of the child's birth certificate.
    - iii. The signed consent for evaluation form.
  - e. Early entrance into Kindergarten will be based on meeting or exceeding all assessment cut scores.
  - f. A report will be provided to the parent/guardian and a copy placed in the child's permanent school record.
  - g. If the child will be accepted into kindergarten, information will be shared with the receiving school personnel.
  - h. There is no provision in the procedure for a reevaluation, retest, or appeal of the decision of the evaluators.