

Parma City School District

Early Entrance to Kindergarten



What is early entrance to Kindergarten?

- Early entrance is designed for the exceptional child who is both academically advanced and developmentally mature when compared to others in chronological age.
- Early entrance is considered “whole-grade acceleration.” This process would also be used if a student wanted to skip a grade later, such as grade skipping from first to third grade.
- A parent may request early entrance to kindergarten if a child turns five years old after the district’s kindergarten entrance date of September 30.
- Early entrance should be viewed as meeting a child’s advanced needs. Even though a child may have many abilities, he/she may not be ready for kindergarten. Other essential factors are social maturity, personal development, and motor development. .



Is early entrance right for my student?

- Can my student work in a classroom for a full day with children one to two years older?
- What are the possible long-term impacts as my child progresses through elementary, middle, and high school (for example, beginning college at a younger age)?
- Do I understand the expectations for students in Kindergarten today?
- Early entrance is not designed as a replacement for childcare. Is this request to meet my student’s academic needs?



How do I request early entrance for my student?


If you believe your student would be a good candidate for early entrance testing, you may download an Early Entrance Application from our website or request one by contacting Tiffany Buchanan. Once all documents have been submitted, arrangements may be made to begin the evaluation process.

Early entrance to Kindergarten may only be permitted if all requirements are met. The student’s cognitive ability, academic achievement, and aptitude results must meet acceptable scores according to the IAS, 3rd edition.

It is important to note that most students *do not meet* the stringent early entrance requirements. Please make alternative childcare or preschool arrangements as the evaluation process is completed during the summer months.

Have more questions? Contact:

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