

# **AFSA High School**

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District # 4074

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## **649 EARLY ADMISSION INTO KINDERGARTEN**

### **I. PURPOSE**

The purpose of this policy is to provide guidance for early admission to AFSA for a student who has not met the kindergarten age requirements established in statute.

### **II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY**

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 2012, Section 124D.02, subdivision 1, the AFSA School Board chooses to provide opportunities for children who have not reached the age of five (5) years by September 1 in any year to be considered for early admission into kindergarten for that year upon application by the parent/guardian and successfully meeting the District's requirements.

A. Kindergarten enrollment. Entrants, in general, must be five (5) years of age by September 1 of the current school year.

1. Minnesota resident children born between September 2 through October 31 who, after a comprehensive evaluation in cognitive, social, and emotional development domains, have been determined by District staff to have demonstrated superior cognitive ability, above average social and emotional maturity, and have led District staff to determine that the child has the ability to satisfactorily meet kindergarten expectations and the ability to progress to first grade in the subsequent year may be admitted if qualified under provisions specified below.
  - a. Testing, information obtained from a parent/guardian, and teacher observations of the child's knowledge, skills, and abilities will be used to determine placement. The comprehensive evaluation will use valid and reliable instruments and be aligned with Minnesota's kindergarten expectations in addition to the expectations noted above. No fee is charged for assessments.
  - b. Students are required to be current on immunizations and must undergo early childhood health and developmental screening.
  - c. Parent(s)/guardian(s) are required to complete a child development inventory as selected by District personnel.
  - d. Age verification is required for consideration under this policy. Verification may be provided through one of the following documents: passport, a hospital birth record or physician's certificate, a baptismal or religious certificate, an adoption

record, health records, immunization records, immigration records, previously verified school records, early childhood screening records, Minnesota Immunization Information Connection records, or an affidavit from a parent.

- e. The final decision for determining early entrance will be made by District personnel after the evaluation is concluded.
  - f. Requests for consideration of early entrance must be made by August 1 of each year for the upcoming year to ensure time and availability of staff to complete the required process prior to the start of the year.
2. Once enrolled through this process, students remain enrolled until formally withdrawn or expelled in accordance with MN Statute 124E.11(g)

**Legal Reference:** *Minn. Stat. § 120A.20 (Admission to Public School)*

*Minn. Stat. § 124D.02 (School Board Powers; Enrollment)*

*Minn. Stat. §124E.11(g) (Admission requirements and enrollment)*