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## **607.1 EARLY ENTRANCE INTO KINDERGARTEN**

### **I. PURPOSE**

The purpose of this policy is to define the perimeters that will allow parents and the District to define what stipulations are to be met before enrolling a child into kindergarten if the student is not five years of age on or before September 1.

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

The Board of Education of Independent School District #2859 will consider early entrance into kindergarten if the following stipulations are met:

- A. Child must be age five on or before October 1.
- B. The parents/guardian must have a conference with the principal and a Kindergarten teacher prior to the screening assessment. The conference will be followed by an assessment given by the Kindergarten teacher. Fall kindergarten target norms will be used to determine whether the child's skills and maturity level indicate Kindergarten readiness.
- C. The testing must be completed before August 15.
- D. Residents must notify the district of their wish to have a student assessed by June 30. New residents must notify the district by August 1.
- E. Line of command for decision:
  - a. Kindergarten teacher and principal will confer and discuss the child's evaluation results;
  - b. Principal informs parent of decision.
- F. Translation services will be provided, if there is a need, at District expense.