



## Office of Gifted Education and Special Services

### EARLY ENTRANCE TO KINDERGARTEN REQUEST

*In accordance with Morgan Local Schools district policy on Acceleration, any student who is not of the proper age for entrance to kindergarten will be considered for early entrance to kindergarten after an early entrance evaluation is completed by the district acceleration team. This process involves three levels of testing (Ability, Aptitude, and Achievement). Testing will be scheduled and completed by designated district personnel. After testing is complete, an acceleration team meeting will be scheduled to review the testing results and make a decision for early entrance placement.*

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

DOB: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender: M F (circle one)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Did your child attend a preschool program? Yes No (circle one)

Name of preschool attended: \_\_\_\_\_

Morgan Local School District has permission to administer any needed assessments in order to consider this request.

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Questions or Concerns? Please contact the district board office or the ESC Gifted Office.**

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### What is an early entrance to kindergarten?

Early entrance to kindergarten occurs when a school district evaluates a child who is not yet old enough to enter kindergarten, and admits the child to kindergarten early because the child demonstrates that he/she can succeed in kindergarten after a formal evaluation. A student must be 5 years old by their home district's cut-off date in order to enroll in kindergarten. When a student does not meet the district's kindergarten cut-off date, an early entrance request may be submitted to consider the child for enrollment in kindergarten. Warren Local chooses August 1st as their district's kindergarten cut-off date. Your child's birth date determines the process for early entrance to kindergarten. If your child turns 5 after the district's cut-off date but before January 1st, the parent may refer the child for early entrance to kindergarten evaluation. If your child turns 5 on January 1st or later, a referral must be written from a professional who knows the child. This professional may be a district educator, a preschool educator, a pediatrician, or a psychologist.

### How do I know if I should consider early entrance for my child?

Early entrance is designed for a child who is both academically ready and developmentally mature when compared to others his or her age. Even though a child may seem to have a higher academic ability, they still may not be ready for kindergarten. Social maturity, personal development, and motor development are very important factors for a child's success in school.

#### Does your child show positive social development?

- Separates from you without anxiety
- Handles change and transition well
- Follows directions
- Communicates needs effectively

#### Does your child demonstrate self-help skills?

- Uses restroom independently
- Uses a tissue to blow their nose
- Dresses self independently
- Puts on coat independently

#### Does your child use classroom tools effectively?

- Holds and uses pencil, marker, crayon
- Cuts with scissors

#### Does your child use self-control?

- Cooperates and plays well with others
- Shares and takes turns
- Keeps hands to self

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### What are the academic expectations for kindergarten?

**All of the skills below are expected to begin kindergarten in addition to the independent skills above:**

Writes first name  
Knows first and last name  
Identifies shapes  
Identifies colors  
Knows where to start and stop when reading a book  
Identifies upper case and lower case letters  
Rote counting 1-20  
Identifies rhyming words  
Matches sounds to letters

### What should I expect when my child is tested for kindergarten early entrance?

The district will use iReady Reading Diagnostic testing to assess your child. Please understand that this testing could take 2+ hours and is given online. Your child should have an understanding of how to navigate a laptop/computer and use a mouse.

### District Policy and Plan for Early Entrance to Kindergarten

You can find Morgan Local's district policy and detailed procedures for early entrance on the district website-<https://www.morganschools.org/>