

## **FBAA: Early Entrance Requirements**

North Dakota law provides a way whereby earlier entrance into kindergarten or first grade may be permitted for a child with special talents or abilities. A child may qualify for kindergarten or first grade entrance through a series of developmental and readiness screening instruments approved by the State Department of Public Instruction and administered by the multi district special education unit.

Evaluation shall be accomplished by a team of professionals including members of the special education staff as deemed appropriate. The testing shall be done by a professional who is competent and certified in testing procedures and interpretation.

A team evaluation will be developed and a report will be provided the parents of the child in question. The team decision is final, but if admitted, the first 6 weeks will be a probationary period, at which time a reassessment may be made.

The School board will carry the costs of these evaluations for students within the District, except for the physical examination by the family physician. A fee for evaluation services will be charged for out-of-district students and such monies will revert to the District.

The District will honor the evaluations of others, but will still require the probationary period.

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