ENTRANCE AGE
(Mandatory Kindergarten)

Each child who is five years of age on or before the first day of instruction for the academic school year is eligible to enroll in kindergarten. Each child who is six years of age on or before the first day of instruction for the academic school year, and who has successfully completed kindergarten is eligible to enroll in the first grade.

The district policy requiring successful completion of kindergarten may, upon parental request to the special services committee, be waived provided the child demonstrates to the satisfaction of the committee the social, emotional, and cognitive skills necessary for first grade, and that the child is at least six by the District admittance date. This committee shall be comprised as set forth in the Ohio Revised Code.

When a request for early entrance to kindergarten is received, the building principal interviews the parent(s) and child and arranges for the testing. The child's fifth birthday must fall between August 2 and December 31 of the year requested for early entrance. The testing assists the Superintendent by measuring the following areas.

1. The child's mental age should be between 14 and 16 months above his/her chronological age as determined by standardized tests.
2. The child's total I.Q. should be at least 125 on a deviation scale as determined by standardized testing.
3. The child should possess and demonstrate social and emotional characteristics that permit conformity with the pattern of behavior commonly expected of children in kindergarten.
4. Admission of the child is recommended by both the school psychologist and building principal.

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