KEENEYVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT 20

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Procedures for Kindergarten Early Entrance

To be eligible for consideration for *Early Entrance to Kindergarten*, the child must turn five years old by October 31 of the school year for which they are seeking entrance. **If your child is already 5 or will be 5 years of age on or before September 1, do not complete this paperwork. This is only for students who turn 5 years of age after September 1, 2027, and before October 31, 2027.**

The child **must** reside within Keeneyville KSD20 boundaries.

All documents must be submitted by the dates indicated below by email to cbuckley@esd20.org or through the US Mail to:

Keeneyville School District 20 Administrative Office
Attn: Department of Teaching and Learning
5540 Arlington Drive E
Hanover Park, IL 60133

STEP 1: The parent/guardian must complete and submit the **Application for Kindergarten Early Entrance** by **May 7, 2027.**

STEP 2: Proof of KSD20 Residency and Original Birth Certificate- Visit the registration page on the district website for more information about how to verify residency. Residency verification must be completed by **May 7, 2027. Please bring the child's original birth certificate when dropping off residency paperwork.**

STEP 3: Screening: Once residency is confirmed, screening will take place in-person at a D20 school in **mid to late June 2027.** The specific date, time, and location will be sent to the parent/guardian once all forms have been accepted. This screening is designed to gather the necessary assessment information for a decision regarding early entrance to kindergarten. An email will be sent to the parent/guardian to share the results of the screening no later than **two weeks after the screening.**

Assessment Process:

1. District 20 completes a standardized assessment of academic skills in early literacy, reading, number sense, math, and verbal and non-verbal reasoning. The child must score at or above the 90th percentile on the given assessments. A language screener will also be utilized to determine English proficiency for students who speak a second language or who have a second language spoken in the home.
2. District 20 will determine whether the student demonstrates above average social-emotional development. This may be determined by interview, observation during screening, and/or developmental rating scales completed by the parent.
3. Parents will complete developmental rating scales in-person at the time of the student screening.

Based on the completed evaluation, District 20 will make a decision regarding the appropriate grade placement. An email will be sent to the parent/guardian to share the results of the screening no later than **two weeks after the screening.** The decision is final.

Families who move into District 20 after the May 7, 2027 deadline and are interested in applying for early entrance into kindergarten should contact the Department of Teaching and Learning by email at cbuckley@esd20.org. Due to staffing and classroom placement decisions, applications will not be accepted after July 1, 2027 for any reason.