

Age of Entrance/Early Entrance

At the time of initial enrollment, parents or guardians must verify the student's age by presentation of a birth certificate, hospital record, baptismal certificate, or other verifiable official documents.

A student may be enrolled in first grade if his/her sixth birthday occurs on or before September 1, as established by law. In addition, a student whose sixth birthday occurs after that date may be admitted to the first grade if he/she:

- Is a first grade student transferring from a public school in another district, or from a private school;
- Completed a successful year in a public kindergarten the previous year and would be continuing his/her formal education.

A student will be enrolled in kindergarten if he/she is five years old on or before September 1, or is a kindergarten student transferring from a public school in another district.

Exemptions for early entry to kindergarten will be made based on an analysis by qualified professional staff of the student's functioning. To be in compliance with the law, the District will employ standardized instruments administered and interpreted by professional educators specially trained to understand and evaluate student growth and development. Parents will be required to pay the cost of the special testing involved.

The examiner will present all the testing data to the building principal with recommendations for the disposition of the decision. The principal, after reviewing all the data supplied by the evaluator, will make the decision on early kindergarten entrance based on the available information. An appeal of the principal's decision may be made to the Superintendent.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):
ORS 327.006
ORS 336.095
ORS 339.115
ORS 343.395