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## **Early Entrance to Kindergarten**

#### Overview

Beginning with the 2017-2018 school year, children must turn five on or before August 1 in order to enroll in kindergarten (KRS 158.031). In accordance with the law and the Board of Education policy, the following procedures are in place for consideration for early entrance for those children who have mastered kindergarten readiness standards. It is important to note that young children develop at different rates and very few children are ready to begin school early.

### **Request for Early Entrance**

Parents/guardians may request the Board to allow their child to enter school earlier than permitted under statutory age requirements. This request must include:

- 1. Completed Early Entrance Form or a written request to consider early entrance into kindergarten.
- 2. Copy of the child's birth certificate.
- 3. Proof of residence within Dayton Independent Schools attendance boundaries.

## **Criteria for Early Entrance**

After the paperwork above is submitted, school district staff will conduct an evaluation to help determine the child's readiness to engage in and benefit from early entry to school. Criteria for early entrance includes:

- 1. A score at or above 95<sup>th</sup> percentile on Brigance Early Childhood Screen III (K-1) assessment.
- 2. Parent/guardian/teacher interview and/or academic, social/behavioral and self-help skills rating scales.
- 3. A standard score/quotient of 110 or above on a communication (speech and language) screener, such as the Fluharty-2.
- 4. Considerations may also include availability of space and funding.

# Notification

Results will be reviewed by a team including the School Principal, Director of Student Services, and the Superintendent's designee. Parents/guardians will be notified of the results within 10 working days of the assessment date.













