

Compulsory and Early Kindergarten Admissions

The School shall admit or evaluate children seeking admission to kindergarten in accordance with the following:

- A. The School shall admit a child to kindergarten if the child is five years of age prior to _____ August 1 or September 30 [check one] of the year of admittance.
- B. Notwithstanding the provisions provided below, for a child who does not meet the age requirements for mandatory admission to kindergarten, but who will be five years of age prior to January 1 of the year in which admission is requested, the School shall evaluate the child for early admittance in accordance with this policy upon referral by the child's parent or guardian, an educator employed by the School, a preschool educator who knows the child, or a pediatrician or psychologist who knows the child. Following such evaluation, the Board or its designee shall make a decision as to whether to admit the child based on the child's score on the evaluation and any other factors it deems relevant.
- C. For purposes of this policy, the Board-designated evaluation procedure will consist of a readiness test administered to a prospective kindergartner by the Board's designee who shall be the Regional Direct Instruction Program Manager. The readiness test shall be the Kindergarten Direct Instruction Literacy Test or other appropriate readiness assessment as determined by the Board or its designee.
- D. The School chooses not to admit a child seeking admission to kindergarten or first grade who will not be five prior to January 1 of the year in which admission is requested, and therefore the School has no Academic Acceleration Policy.
- E. First Grade eligibility shall be based on the admissions, promotion, and retention policies of the School.

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