



EARLY ENTRANCE
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Introduction

Sound educational practice and the need to provide for the equitable treatment of students requires the establishment of age limitations for students to enter kindergarten. The state board of education and the Seattle school board have promulgated WAC 180-39-025 and board policy D00.00 to establish uniform age requirements.

WAC 180-39-025 also permits local school districts to make exception to the entry age in accordance with the WAC and with established school district regulations and procedures.

Identification

1. Exceptions to Uniform Entry Age - Students who will be five years old between September 1 and October 31, of a school year are eligible for early entrance consideration prior to the beginning of that school year.
2. Services - the psychologists for the district evaluate whether children who will be five years old up to two months after uniform entry date and who are referred by their parent(s) or guardian(s) are ready for early entry into kindergarten. Early entrance screening is conducted and requires a fee (which is waived in cases of financial hardship).
3. Staff from the office of counseling/psychological/social work services will:
 - A. Provide application forms, materials, and fee waiver requirements to interested parents and principals.
 - B. Schedule early entrance evaluations.
 - C. Conduct early entrance screening which may evaluate mental ability, gross motor skills, fine motor skills, visual discrimination, auditory discrimination, and social/emotional development.
 - D. Provide a summary of the child's relative strengths and weaknesses and recommendations on the appropriateness of early kindergarten entrance to parents, principal, and Student Placement.
 - E. Evaluate the effectiveness and appropriateness of early entrance screening systems.



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1. Parent(s) request and receive application information and forms from the building principal or the north end annex office of counseling/psychological and social work services.
2. Parent(s) complete application and forward forms and the screening fee (or waiver Information) to the north-end annex office of counseling / psychological Social Work Services.
3. Parent(s) receive an appointment for screening.
4. Upon completion of screening,counseling/psychologicalai/social work services forwards the evaluation results and recommendations regarding early entrance to student placement and the building principal.
5. If recommended for early entrance, the child has a four-week trial period in kindergarten, after which time the final determination for continuation in kindergarten is at the discretion of the building principal.
6. Appeals of the principal's/assessment team's decision regarding early entry to kindergarten may be submitted to the appropriate administrative supervisor.