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**BOARD ADOPTED
PROCEDURE**


Introduction

Early entrance to first or second grades may be granted provided the child's birthdate and educational experience meets one of the criteria identified below.

Procedure

1. First Grade – Children may be admitted providing:
 - a. They are six years of age on or before August 31 of the school year of enrollment.
 - b. They are six years of age on or before December 31 of that school year and have completed at least one semester of kindergarten in any public school system and are recommended by that system for first grade.
 - c. They are six years of age on or before December 31 of that school year and have completed one full year of kindergarten, attending 160 sessions of not less than two hours each and are recommended by that kindergarten for first grade entrance.
 - d. They have, regardless of age, completed one full year of kindergarten and been enrolled in a first grade in any public school system for a month or longer, or a first grade in any private school system for a full semester or longer.
 - e. They have been enrolled and in attendance in a kindergarten in a Seattle Public School and the principal, after consultation with the teacher and the District psychologist serving that school, recommends placement in first grade (a minimum 4-week period for observation and consultation is suggested).

If the recommended acceleration means a student will be placed in grade one in a paired school or special option school, the principal of

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the second school will be consulted by the home school principal prior to the decision.

Parents or guardians of kindergarten students eligible for grade one acceleration may request Horizon screening as soon as acceleration is approved. If the student qualifies for the option, placement in the option program may occur no earlier than at the end of the first quarter of that year.

2. Second Grade – Children, regardless of age, who have completed one year of first grade in any school, will be accepted on a trial basis in the second grade in the following year.

Appeals of the principal's decision regarding early entry to first grade or second grade may be submitted to the appropriate administrative supervisor.