

421.2 - EARLY ADMISSION TO 4 OR 5-YEAR-OLD KINDERGARTEN

No child will be admitted in four-year old Kindergarten unless the child is four on or before September 1st in the year he/she proposes to enter school.

A child is eligible to enroll in five-year old Kindergarten if he/she is five years old on or before September 1 of the year in which he/she proposes to enter school. Children under the above referenced age may be admitted to five-year old Kindergarten under the following conditions:

1. Child must be in the superior range of intellectual ability.
2. The child must have well-developed language skills and have the ability to express him or herself well.
3. The child must exhibit academic readiness skills at or above the five-year old Kindergarten level.
4. The child should be developmentally comparable to children a year older. The child must enjoy working and playing with other children who are a year older, be willing to work independently, show evidence of emotional stability, and show the ability to interact and get along with other children in a group situation.
5. The home environment must be supportive of the child's future success in school.

Early admission to five-year old Kindergarten shall be according to the following guidelines:

1. Application must be made by the parent or guardian to the Elementary Principal on or before April 1st of the preceding school year.
2. A personal interview with the Elementary Principal and parent/guardian will be held to determine the reason for requesting entrance prior to the legal age.
3. An individual evaluation of the child's potential will be conducted by the District School Psychologist.
4. A conference will be held within one month with the parents/guardians after the evaluation has been completed to consider the appropriateness of early entrance to five-year old Kindergarten.
5. If a request for admission is denied, the child's parent/guardian may appeal the decision to the District Administrator. The decision of the District Administrator shall be final.

ACT 41 Legislative changes to Kindergarten attendance: Except as provided under par. (d), unless the child is excused under sub. (3), any person have under his or her control a child who in enrolled in five-year old Kindergarten shall cause the child to attend school regularly, religious holidays excepted, during the full period and hours that Kindergarten is in session at the public or private school in which the child in enrolled until the end of the school term.

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