

Kindergarten Early Admission Policies and Procedures

The following policies and procedures shall govern early admission to the kindergarten program at The NewPrague Area Elementary Schools.

1. Only children who reach the age of five between September 1 and October 1 of the subsequent school year will be considered for enrollment.
2. Parents residing in School District 721 who feel their child should enter kindergarten before age five must notify the school in writing **by May 1** of the previous school year. This notification should state in detail why they feel their child should be considered for early admission.
3. A \$250.00 non-refundable fee PAYABLE IN ADVANCE is required to cover expenses of the testing procedure.
4. After the letter has been received and the parents have given the school permission for testing, the child will be evaluated by one of the school district's psychologists. The assessment will consist of the appropriate instruments for measuring individual ability and achievement level and observation of child's behavior while being assessed (typical for age and maturity). Additional data may be collected through parent interview or interview with child's pre-school teacher or daycare provider. The test will be administered at the child's school of residency. Retesting will not take place, no matter what the results may be.
5. When testing is completed, a team conference will be scheduled. The team will consist of the building principal, school psychologist, parents, and any other representative or professional the school deems necessary.
6. On the basis of the assessment data and other pertinent information, a decision will be made for or against early admission.
The assessment criteria would be:
 - Social skills and maturity.
 - Ability to problem solve and process new information.
 - Determination of valid motivation of parent request.
 - Individually administered, standardized intelligence test score of 125 or higher, with strong emphasis onverbal skills as the Verbal IQ is considered a predictor of success in school.
 - Informal test on school readiness.
7. If a child is accepted for early admission, and after a certain amount of teacher-pupil contact, the kindergarten teacher determines that the child is not yet ready, the principal will notify the parents and the child will be dropped from the roll.
8. Parents must realize that the assessments are used only as a guide and do not necessarily give a true indication of readiness. Readiness can only be determined by the kindergarten teacher after there has been a certain amount of teacher-pupil contact.

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