

## EARLY ENTRY TO KINDERGARTEN

A student will be admitted to kindergarten if his/her fifth birthday occurs one year earlier than the date (August 31) of the year in which the child wishes to enroll, established by law for entry into the first grade, if a Kindergarten student transferring from a public school in another district, or is recommended for early admission by the Superintendent following the completion of the screening process contained in this policy and its attached procedures.

Early entry into school will be allowed for a student whose fifth birthday occurs after August 31 and whose needs would best be met in the school program based on an analysis by qualified professional staff of his/her:

- Cognitive development;
- Social development;
- Physical development;
- Academic readiness.

The Superintendent shall identify screening processes and instruments which will provide a dependable assessment of the preceding criteria.

Parents will be required to pay the cost of the special testing involved.

### Legal References:

- RCW 28A.58.190 - Qualifications for Admissions to District Schools
- WAC 180-39-005 - Authority and Purpose
- WAC 180-39-010 - Uniform Entry Age for Kindergarten
- WAC 180-39-015 - Uniform Entry Age for First Grade
- WAC 180-39-020 - Kindergarten Experience
- WAC 180-39-025 - Local Option Exceptions to Uniform Entry Qualifications
- WAC 180-39-030 - Early Entry Nondiscrimination
- WAC 180-39-035 - Appeal Process



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