

## Early Entrance

### Entrance Requirements

Students whose parents or legal guardians are residents of the district are eligible to attend classes in the district's schools pursuant to state law and Board policies.

An official birth certificate or other valid proof of age shall be required for all students entering kindergarten or entering school for the first time in the first grade.

A student entering school for the first time in the fall shall be considered of school age if the student's birthday meets the birthday requirements established by Oregon Revised Statutes. A student is to be five years old on or before September 1 to enter kindergarten and six years old on or before September 1 to enter first grade, except that:

1. Parents of a student born between September 1 and September 30 may apply for an early entry into school following the student's successful completion of assessment. Students born after September 30 are not eligible for early consideration.
  - a. The parents shall submit results of standardized assessment in the following areas: speech and language development, gross and fine motor development, cognitive skills and socialization development. A list of approved standardized tests will be provided by district school psychologists and will be available at each school.
  - b. A qualified examiner as determined by the district shall administer the test. A list of qualified examiners will be provided by district school psychologists and will be available at each school.
  - c. Parents shall pay for the cost of assessment. Parents who are in need of financial assistance and their children qualify for free or reduced lunch may request assistance from the district.
2. The request for consideration of early entrance must be made in writing to the district office no later than June 1. All assessment data must be submitted to the school principal prior to the start of the first day of school. The principal and director of curriculum shall review the assessment results and determine if early entrance shall be granted. The decision about early entrance will be communicated to the parents or guardian of the student no later than ten (10) working days from the date the assessment data is submitted. Students enrolling from outside the area after June 1 will be allowed to do early entry if they meet the criteria stated in paragraph 1 of the policy. Assessment results must be received by the principal by the third week in August.

Students who transfer from other public school districts in other states where the entrance is lower may be considered for entry in this district in like grade placement. Consideration and final decision will be made by the school principal.

END OF POLICY

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**Legal Reference(s):**

ORS 327.006

ORS 336.095

ORS 339.115

ORS 343.395