

591P EARLY ENTRANCE

I. PURPOSE

Parents/guardians of children who will turn five (5) years old between September 1 and August 31 may submit application materials on or before March 1 of the prior school year to have students considered for the fall kindergarten class. Parents/guardians of children who have not attended Kindergarten and will turn six (6) years old between September 1 and August 31 may submit application materials on or before March 1 of the prior school year to have students considered for the fall first grade class.

II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY

Early admission is not encouraged but application will be considered for those children who meet all of the following requirements:

A: Consideration for early entry will be given to those children who will be five years of age for Kindergarten or six years of age for first grade before August 31 of that given school year. (Proof of the child's birth date will be required.)

B: A request for application materials will be made to the school administration. Application materials include:

1. Early Entry Application
2. Early childhood screening results
3. Letter of reference from preschool or other group setting teacher
4. Copy of birth certificate

Completed application materials will be submitted to the board appointed administrator on or before March 1 of the prior school year. Late applications may not be considered.

C: After receipt and review of application materials, the board appointed administrator will notify parents/guardians of further assessment requirements necessary for early entry consideration, including, but not limited to The Creative Curriculum[®] – Developmental Continuum instrument on or before March 15 of the prior school year. Costs of any necessary assessments shall be borne by the parents/guardians of the child seeking early admission.

D: Children approved for early admission shall be accepted on a trial basis for the first month of the school year. A final determination of appropriate placement will be made by the school in consultation with the parent/guardian by October 1.