

REEDSPORT SCHOOL DISTRICT

REGULATION: EARLY ENTRANCE INTO KINDERGARTEN

CODE: JEBA-AR

If a request for early admission to kindergarten is received by the Reedsport School District, the following guidelines will be used:

1. A child attaining age 5 on or before September 1 qualifies for kindergarten. Students who are not age 5 may be considered for early entry;
2. The Request for Early Kindergarten Entrance form must be filled out by a parent. The completion of these forms and receipt of formal evaluation results will activate the early entry committee. Members of that committee are: Kindergarten teacher(s), the speech and language therapist, building administrators and other personnel as appropriate, i.e. counselor, special education coordinator;
3. The parents will be made aware that it is their responsibility to secure testing by a qualified agency approved by the principal;

Five areas that must be tested include: a) cognitive (intelligence); b) affective (social/emotional); c) psychomotor (fine and gross motor); d) language (phoneme/morpheme/syntax); e) medical/physical;

Test scores should be in the top quartile for entering kindergarten;

4. All information must be received by the building administrator on or before August 25;
5. The early entry committee will review the test information and the parent interview data. If a student is to be considered for early entrance, the student will also be required to participate in a screening/observation conducted by the school district;
6. The screen committee will make recommendations to the elementary principal, and parents will be notified as soon as possible prior to the start of school;
7. A written appeal can be made by the parents to the superintendent who may affirm, reverse or modify the early entry committee's decision. A subsequent hearing may be held with the Reedsport School District Board if the respective decision does not meet with the approval of the parent.

END OF REGULATION

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Request for Early Kindergarten Entrance

Date _____

Child _____

I request that my child be reviewed for early admission to the kindergarten.

I will have _____ evaluated at my expense in the following areas:

- a. cognitive (intelligence)
- b. affective (socio/emotional)
- c. psychomotor/fine and gross motor
- d. language (phoneme/morpheme/syntax)
- e. medical/physical

I understand the test scores must equal or surpass the norms for five-year, five-month age level in all areas of assessment. I will receive written information from the school district concerning my request within an appropriate and timely period, providing them with the test scores.

Parent Signature

Date

*As used in this policy, the term parent includes legal guardian or person in a parental relationship. The status and duties of a legal guardian are defined in ORS 126.003 - 126.095. The determination of whether an individual is acting in a parental relationship, for purposes of determining residency, depends on the evaluation of the factors listed in policy GBHA. The determination of other purposes depends on evaluation of those factors and a power of attorney executed pursuant to ORS 126.030.