

Early Admission to Kindergarten

The Colonial School District has policy and procedures which govern early admission to kindergarten. Board policy establishes children must be age 5 by September 15 to enter kindergarten. Students who will be 5 years old between September 16th and October 15th may be considered for early entrance to kindergarten at parental request.

Parents should send a letter of request for early entry to the principal of the school their child would attend. A letter may also be sent to the Director of Pupil Services. This letter must be submitted no later than May 15 unless the parent documents residency was established in Colonial School District between May 16 and July 1. No request for evaluations will be considered after July 1.

Step One -- Parents must provide information and recommendations from the preschool for early entrance to kindergarten.

Step Two -- The school counselor will administer a kindergarten readiness test and the child must score in the 90th percentile and have ratings within the average range or above on the rating scale.

Step Three – If the child does not score in the 90th percentile and have ratings average or above the process ends. If the score is in the 90th percentile and the ratings are average or above, the child is administered an individual IQ test.

Step Four – Performance on the IQ test, coupled with outcomes of Step Two will determine early entry to school.

Parents will be notified by letter following Step Two and Step Four (if appropriate). Students who qualify for early entry to kindergarten may be approved by the School Board at the August meeting.

Students are eligible for early entry only during the first two weeks of the school year.

Please contact the Director of Pupil Services at 610-834-1671 X2111 for inquiries about the early entry process.