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<b>550 KINDERGARTEN EARLY ADMISSION</b>
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## **I. PURPOSE**

Places emphasis on developmentally appropriate age for instruction as opposed to chronological age. Statistically there should occasionally be a very high-ability, mature student who would be ready to enter kindergarten prior to age 5.

## **II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY**

This policy provides criteria for early entrance to kindergarten. An orderly determination for early admissions to kindergarten has been established by the Board of Education of Independent School District #885, Albertville, Minnesota. This policy states as follows and will be adhered to when request for early admissions are made.

This policy supplies to parents who desire to enroll their child in kindergarten prior to the legal entrance age of five years on or before September 1.

## **III. CRITERIA FOR EARLY ENTRANCE**

- A. Children will only be considered whose 5th birthday falls after September 1st and on or before October 31st of the year in which admission is requested.
- B. Children must score, at a minimum, 125 or better on an individual IQ test.
- C. Children must demonstrate high social and emotional development.

## **IV. PROCEDURE**

- A. The child must go through early childhood screening prior to contacting the psychologist for testing. Each child, along with the parents will contact with the school psychologist by May 1 for a formal interview. The psychologist may want a copy of the early childhood screening results as well, to help determine readiness. At this time the child's general readiness will be discussed.
- B. Each child must be tested by a certified psychologist at the parent's time and expense. This test must have been completed by May 15.
- C. Each child must obtain a score of 125 or better individual IQ test.

- D. No child whose birthday comes after October 31 will be considered for early admission.
- E. Satisfactory results must be obtained from both the interview and the test before early admittance will be granted.
  - 1. Pre-determined criteria for early admission:
    - a. September birthday - IQ score of 125 or higher
    - b. October birthday - IQ score of 130 or higher
- F. The psychological assessments will be done outside normal school hours, and parents are responsible for the psychologist's fees.
- G. After administering assessments in the areas of ability and social / emotional development, the psychologist will make a written report to the superintendent.
- H. When a decision has been made by the superintendent, the parents will be notified in writing.

**Legal References:**

Minn. Stat. § 120.06 (Admission to Public School)

**Cross Reference:**

Policy 513 (Student Initial Entrance)