

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF WAUZEKA-STEUBEN

ENTRANCE AGE (INCLUDES EARLY ADMISSION)

No child may be admitted to kindergarten unless s/he is five (5) years old on or before the first day of September in the year the child is proposed to enter school.

Parents/Legal guardians are allowed the right to petition for early admission of their child to kindergarten on the basis that their child represents an exceptional case. The following conditions and procedures apply:

1. Conditions:

- a. The child's fifth birthday should be after September 1 and before January 1, inclusive
- b. The child demonstrates the academic, social, emotional, physical and mental maturity normally expected for successful participation in kindergarten.

2. Procedures:

- a. Application shall be made by the parent(s)/legal guardian(s) to the local school district administrator.
- b. A personal interview shall be held to determine the parent's/legal guardian's reasons for requesting entrance prior to the legal age.
- c. An evaluation of the child's potential to benefit from early admission to school shall be required. A behavioral observation and academic screening will be completed by district personnel to assess: academic skills, emotional stability, social and mental maturity, and physical health. The individual evaluation shall be conducted by a certified school psychologist in conjunction with other pupil service workers. The evaluation shall be at no cost to the parent(s)/legal guardian(s).
- d. After the evaluation has been completed, the results will be discussed between the staff involved in the evaluation and school administrators. At that time a decision will be made about whether early admission to kindergarten will be granted. A conference shall be held with the parent(s)/legal guardian(s), notifying them of the results of the evaluation and the subsequent decision.

3. Parents/Legal guardians who wish to appeal the decision may appeal directly to the Board of Education. The Board of Education of the School District of Wauzeke-Steuben has the final authority for deciding whether or not the child is to be admitted to Kindergarten in accordance with the conditions and standards outlined in the above procedures.

Legal References: Wisconsin State Statutes §§ Sections 118.13, 118.14, 120.12(25), 118.33(6)(cm)

Cross References: Policies 342.1 Programs for Students with Disabilities, 411 Equal Educational Opportunities

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