5055 Enrollment in Kindergarten

A child must reach the age of five on or before July 31st of the calendar year to be enrolled in kindergarten. The school district will enroll a child who will reach the age of five between August 1st and October 15th of the year of enrollment if the parent or guardian requests such enrollment and provides an affidavit stating:

- (a) the child attended kindergarten in another jurisdiction in the current school year; or
- (b) the family anticipates relocating to another jurisdiction that would allow admission within the current year; or
- (c) the child has demonstrated through recognized assessment procedures approved by the board that he or she is capable of performing the work of kindergarten

The recognized assessment procedure(s) approved by the board are the Wechsler Individual Achievement Test- Fourth Edition (WIAT-4), Wechsler Preschool and Primary Scale of Intelligence- Fourth Edition (WPPSI-IV), Behavior Assessment System for Children- Third Edition (BASC-3).

The board delegates to the Director of Special Services responsibility for determining whether the conditions of this policy have been met. In order to enroll in kindergarten early, students must meet all components of the following: achieve a score at or above the 95th percentile in all areas assessed on the WIAT-4 and the WPSSI-IV, and achieve a score within the average range on all subscales of the BASC-3.

Each year, the district will have a Kindergarten Enrollment and Assessment Period ("Assessment Period"). Parents or guardians whose child is a legal resident of the district wishing to enroll pursuant to this policy must complete all requirements for enrollment no later than the end of the Assessment Period. The date, time, and location of the Assessment Period will be made available annually.

Parents or guardians of students who become legal residents of the district after the Assessment Period, and thus were unable to participate in the Assessment Period, must contact the Director of Special Services about registering and/or scheduling a time for assessment.

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