

ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS

- A. A child shall be six (6) years of age on or before August 1 of the current year in order to enroll in the first grade. A child shall be five (5) years of age on or before August 1 of the current year in order to enroll in kindergarten. Any parent of a child who does not meet the minimum age requirement for either kindergarten or the first grade may appeal to the Superintendent for the enrollment of a child at any age earlier than that set forth above. Any appeal by a parent of a child must be in writing and filed with the Superintendent's office prior to August 1 of the then pending school year. The Superintendent may develop an appeal form to be completed by the parent to aid him/her in the process of making his/her determination.

An initial screening conference shall be held with the parent, child, kindergarten and/or first grade teacher, and principal in attendance. This conference should be held as early as possible in the appeal process, preferably before any readiness testing is initiated.

In evaluating an appeal of the minimum age requirement, the Superintendent will consider the following:

1. Any and all information submitted by the parent of the child with the appeal. Such information should include age equivalent score and assessments of the following domains and areas of development: cognitive, motor skills (fine and gross), social/emotional adaptive behavior, academic readiness skills, motor development, perceptual development, and physical development. Letters of recommendation from pre-school teachers or other teachers of related experiences should also be included.

All measures used to determine readiness for school must be standard, approved by the corporation and administered by a professional qualified to interpret such tests. Each child must be tested prior to the appeal deadline of August 1 and the results submitted with the appeal.

The Superintendent shall not make his/her determination based upon only one single test score.

2. Any and all information submitted by the principal as a result of the initial screening conference.
3. Whether early entrance is in the best interest of the child. A child coming into the school corporation from an out-of-state kindergarten or first grade program (public or private) and who does not meet the Indiana state age-eligibility requirements, should be admitted to the kindergarten or first grade program, unless it can be determined that enrollment in such a program was intended to circumvent Indiana law.