
STUDENTS - KINDERGARTEN ENTRANCE

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WWS Kindergarten and 1st Grade Entrance Guidelines

**Prior to any consideration of placement, the student must be registered in the age-appropriate grade level.*

Kindergarten Entrance: Must be 5 years of age by August 1 of the current school year. Applications for early entrance to kindergarten will be accepted only for children who will turn 5 years old between August 1 and September 1. There will be no consideration for children with birthdates beyond September 1.

To be recommended for early entrance to kindergarten, a child must demonstrate above average performance on academic and developmental skills. The standards for early entrance are very high to ensure that students are not frustrated by their advanced grade placement.

Parents/Guardians of children who wish to apply for early entrance to kindergarten must do the following:

- Submit a letter stating the reason for requesting early entrance to WWS kindergarten by June 1 of the school year. Appeals made after June 1 will not be considered unless the parent and child moved into the school district after June 1.
- Present documentation from any preschool program that would suggest appropriateness of early entrance.
- Schedule an appointment at the child's home school to have the child take the kindergarten screening assessment (all children take this prior to kindergarten entrance). While the assessment is being administered by school personnel, parents will also complete information pertaining to the child's growth and development.
- Parents should consider the research related to a student being the youngest in his/her class and the long-term implications of early entrance.

Recommendation for early entrance to kindergarten will be made based on a review of the screening assessment, early entrance letter, and any other relevant documentation. Parents will be notified by school personnel in writing or by phone regarding placement.

First Grade Entrance: Must be 6 years of age by August 1 of the current school year. Applications for early entrance to first grade are as follows:

_____ Completed full year of accredited Kindergarten program, either private Kindergarten or out-of-state Kindergarten:

- Submit a letter stating the reason for requesting early entrance to WWS 1st grade by June 1 of that school year. Appeals made after June 1 will not be considered unless the parent and child moved into the school district after June 1.
- Present documentation from the Kindergarten to verify successful completion of program.
- In the spring, prior to the start of the school year, the parent must make arrangements to have the student assessed at his/her home school. This assessment will consist of the Spring NWEA administration for Reading and Math (approximately 2 hours) and a reading inventory given by the early literacy teacher (approximately 30 minutes); and
- Following assessments, the school team will evaluate results. It is recommended that the student fall within a RIT range of 159-169 in Math (district average is 168-169) and RIT range of 155-165 in Reading (district average is 166-167) as well as demonstrate a reading level that is average to that of other students in that incoming first grade class.
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Child's Name: _____

Decision Regarding Placement: _____

Notes: _____

Administrator Signature

Date