

Oak Ridge Schools

Office of the Superintendent



Administrative Procedure 6.201

Early Entrance to Kindergarten

March 23, 2017

Per School Board Policy 6.201, any child residing within the state who is or will be five (5) years of age on or before August 15, who makes application for admission, shall be enrolled in the school designated by the Board.

If a child will be five (5) years of age on or before September 30, such child's parent(s)/legal guardian may request that a child be admitted into kindergarten. Upon a request, the superintendent/designee shall administer an evaluation and examination. If the results indicate that the child is sufficiently mature emotionally and academically, then the child may be enrolled into kindergarten. The superintendent/designee shall develop procedures and forms to implement the provisions of this policy. The following procedures will need to take place:

- A formal request must be made to Pupil Services by May 1 of the preceding school year.
- Upon receiving the parent request, a form will be completed by the parent and returned to Pupil Services on or before May 1.
- A screening date and location will then be determined and the parent will be notified.
- The school counselor of the school for which the child may be zoned will conduct the screening.
- Once the screening has been completed, the school counselor, principal and Director of Pupil Services will review the results and make the decision to enroll or deny early admittance to kindergarten. Parents will be mailed a letter regarding the decision.

No child shall be eligible to enter first grade without having attended an approved kindergarten program.