

General Requirements

Children whose parents or legal guardians are residents of the district are eligible to attend classes in the district's schools pursuant to state law and Board policies. An official birth certificate or other valid proof of age shall be required for all students entering kindergarten or entering school for the first time in the first grade. The District complies with the birthday requirements established by the Oregon Revised for student entrance into kindergarten and first grade. The District may consider a child for early entrance into kindergarten or first grade subject to the philosophy and guidelines established below and in administrative regulation JEBA-AR.

Philosophy on Early Entrance

Administrators and teachers of the district believe that a student being considered for early admission into kindergarten or first grade must demonstrate exceptional ability in several readiness skills using age norms. The prognosis for a student who is allowed to enroll in kindergarten or first grade, and whose birthday falls after the lawful entrance age, should be one of a successful student who will be well above the average in the grade being requested.

A student will be admitted to kindergarten if:

1. His or her fifth birthday occurs on or before September 1, one year before the date established by law for admission into first grade; or
2. He or she is transferring from a public school kindergarten program and would be continuing his or her formal education; or if
3. His or her birthday falls after September 1, but no later than September 30, and the parents complete the early entrance procedures set forth in JEBA-AR, including psychological testing and evaluation at the parents' expense, and the principal of the school reviews the assessment results and accept the student for early entrance.

A student will be admitted to first grade if:

1. His or her sixth birthday occurs on or before September 1, as established by law; or
2. He or she is transferring from a public or private school and is in compliance with the age requirement of being six years old prior to September 1 of the current school year; or
3. He or she has successfully completed a year of public or private kindergarten (pursuant to JEBA-AR) and would be continuing his or her formal education; or
4. His or her birthday is falls after September 1, but no later than September 30, and the parents complete the early entrance procedures set forth in JEBA-AR, including psychological testing and evaluation at the parents' expense, and the principal of the school reviews the assessment results and accept the student for early entrance.

END OF POLICY

Legal References:

ORS 327.006

ORS 336.095

ORS 339.115

ORS 343.395

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