

POLICY 549 – AGE OF ENTRANCE

I. PURPOSE

~~The purpose of this policy is to provide guidance to school district staff and parents/guardians for early entrance to kindergarten or first grade in the school district.~~

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II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY

The school district chooses to provide opportunities for children who have not reached the age of five years by September 1 in any year to be considered for early entrance into kindergarten ~~and the age of six years by September 1 in any year to be considered for first grade~~ under procedures designed to assure success in school.

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III. EARLY ENTRANCE

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A. ~~A child will be~~The school district will considered ~~for~~ early admission to school as a kindergarten student if that child becomes five years of age on September 2 through November 1 of the school year for which admission is requested and successfully completes an assessment process.

~~B-1.~~ Early admission procedures will guide the final recommendation for acceptance of the child. The cost of the assessment for early entrance is the responsibility of the parent/guardian unless such an expense is determined to be a significant hardship.

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~~C-2.~~ A kindergarten child moving into the school district during the school year from another school district that does not have identical entrance requirements, may be allowed to continue his/her education in this school district.

~~D-B.~~ The school district will consider early admission. ~~No child will be admitted~~ to school as a first grade student ~~if the unless that child is at least six years of age on or before September 1 of the year for which admission is requested, or has completed a full year of kindergarten, taught by a licensed kindergarten teacher and is six on or before December 31 of the year for which admission is requested.~~

IV. GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

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~~E-~~ If a child is entering kindergarten or first grade, his/her parent/guardian is required to provide proof of his/her age through one of the following documents: an original or copy of the student's legal birth certificate, an original valid passport, an original verified baptismal certificate, or the original affidavit of a natural parent or guardian.

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V. DISSEMINATION OF INFORMATION GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY

The school district will publish enrollment information through print and/or electronic media.

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Legal References

M.S. 120A.20, Subd. 1 – Admission to Public
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