

Pendleton School District 16R

Code: **JEBA-AR**

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Orig. Code(s): AR-JEBA

Early Entrance**

Kindergarten and First Grade

Board policy JEBA - Early entry to kindergarten may be allowed for a student whose fifth birthday occurs after September 1 but no later than October 1 and who is sufficiently advanced to succeed in the education program based on an analysis by a qualified professional of his/her: cognitive, social and physical development.

To comply with this policy, the district will accept, at the parent's expense, district determined nationally standardized assessments administered and interpreted by a psychologist specially trained to understand and evaluate student growth and development. Testing needs to occur between June 1 and August 1 in order to ensure the test report is received by the district prior to the deadline of 4:00 pm the second Friday in August.

The following must be met for early admission to kindergarten or first grade:

The Request for Early Entrance form must be filled out by a parent and received no later than June 1.

1. The parents will be made aware that it is their responsibility to secure testing by a qualified agency approved by the director of special programs.
2. The student must: be five years old as before October 1, achieve a score on the intellectual functioning measure which placed the student at or above the 95th percentile, and demonstrate acceptable social/emotional skills.
3. All information must be received by the Student Services Coordinator ~~director of special programs~~ on or before the second Friday in August.
4. The early entry committee will review the test information and the parent interview forms. If a student is to be considered for early entrance, the student will also be required to participate in a screening/observation conducted by the district during the second or third week of August;
5. The screening committee will make recommendations to the superintendent, and parents will be notified by the end of the third week in August;
6. A written appeal can be made by the parents to the superintendent who may affirm, reverse or modify the early entry committee's decision. A subsequent hearing may be held with the Board if the respective decision does not meet with the approval of the parent(s).

REQUEST FOR EARLY ENTRANCE

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In order to be considered for early entrance into kindergarten a student must be five years old before October 1, no exceptions.

Students must be tested using a nationally standardized assessment administered and interpreted by a psychologist specially trained to understand and evaluate student growth and development. Students must be tested using one of the following assessments:

- Wechsler Preschool and Primary Scale of Intelligence - third edition
- Stanford-Binet Intelligence Scale - fifth edition
- Adaptive Behavior Assessment System - third edition

Testing needs to occur between June 1 and August 1 in order to ensure the test report is received by the district prior to the deadline of 4:00 pm the second Friday in August. The psychologist may charge a fee for the testing, which the parent is responsible for.

Complete the application and release of information form below. Provide a copy of this form to the psychologist at the time of testing. Please have their office mail the completed assessments to Pendleton School District, Attn: ~~Rebecca Marshall~~ Julie Smith, 107 NW 10th Street, Pendleton OR 97801. Forms are available ~~on the PSD website or~~ from the District Office. If you need to request a waiver of fees for the testing due to financial hardship please contact our office at (541) 276-6711.

I give permission to release assessment information to the Pendleton School District. I also understand I am responsible for the cost of any testing required for consideration of early entrance into kindergarten.

Student Name: _____
(first name) (MI) (last name)

Parent/Guardian: _____
(first name) (MI) (last name)

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____