

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 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, 107 NW 10th Street, Pendleton OR 97801. Forms are available 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: _____