

Ages of Admission - Kindergarten/First Grade

Kindergarten

There is no early admission to Kindergarten except to the extent that it may be required by law.

First Grade

The following guidelines apply when a parent/guardian seeks early admission to first grade for their child in the District.

1. The child must reach the age of six between September 2 through January 31.
2. The child must have completed an academic kindergarten program.

Completion of an academic kindergarten program means:

1. Completion of a year of kindergarten in a public school in Pennsylvania. Public school means an elementary school that is part of a system of free schools maintained by public taxes and supervised by local authorities.
2. Completion of a year in a non-public school, a public school in another state, or any other non-traditional kindergarten program, if the following guidelines are satisfied. The child must first be assessed to determine if they have attained the skills that are needed to be successful in first grade. Members of the school team designated by the principal will screen the student to determine readiness level for 1st grade. Screening will include a meeting with the student and parent(s), a review of information provided by the parent from the child's Kindergarten program describing the nature of its academic and social behavioral curriculum, a letter of recommendation from the child's Kindergarten teacher or principal if available, documentation of the child's progress, and academic and social behavioral assessments. The student may be required to participate in assessments performed by school personnel. The results of the screening will be reviewed by the school team to make a determination of appropriate entry level. Consultation with the Office of Individualized Student Services is available to the school team upon request. The school principal will provide feedback and the determination of the readiness level of the student to the parents. The principal's decision shall be considered final.

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