Early Entrance to Kindergarten Overview

According to California state law, children who turn 5 on or before September 1 are age-eligible and therefore are entitled to enter kindergarten. Per state guidance and San Leandro Board Policy, a child whose birth date falls between September 2 and October 31st may be considered and admitted for early entrance by the Superintendent's designee when it is in the best interest of the child. No consideration will be given for children with birthdays beyond October 31st. There will be no appeal process for children with birthdates beyond the October 31st window.

Children who are not age eligible must demonstrate above average performance in academics as well as social-emotional development to qualify for early admission to kindergarten. It is not necessary for children to study or prepare for the early childhood developmental assessments. Assessments include a variety of activities that measure each child's performance in the following developmental domains: Physical well-being and motor development, Personal and social development, Reading and language arts development, and Mathematical thinking

Procedure for Early Entrance to Kindergarten

1. Parent(s) or guardian(s) of a potential early entry pupil may submit an application for entry to the Superintendent's designee. See attached Form EE 2K

2. Parent(s) or guardian(s) will be required to provide evidence that the child has attained a level of readiness mentally, socially, and developmentally which will allow him/her to successfully complete the full kindergarten program during that school year, including the mastery of minimum competencies in math, language arts, and reading.

3. The parent will be advised of the advantages and disadvantages of early school entrance. See attached Form EE 3

4. After receipt of the evidence provided by the parent(s), the Superintendent's designee shall review and approve or disapprove the petition for early entrance and notify the parents or guardian of his/her recommendations.

5. Every effort will be made to place students at the school in their attendance area, or school of preference as indicated by an intra-district transfer request. Kindergarten students meeting the September 1 admission date will receive first priority for placement. Placement of students approved for early admission to kindergarten will be made where space is available after all students meeting the September 1 admission date have been placed and placement will be made no later than 14 days prior to the first day of school. Parents will be notified of the placement no later than 14 days prior to the first day of school.