

ADMISSION TO KINDERGARTEN AND FIRST GRADE (Entrance Age)

Waunakee Community School District

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No child may be admitted to 4-year-old kindergarten in the District unless the child is four years old on or before September 1 in the year he/she proposes to enter school. There shall be no early admission to 4-year-old kindergarten in the District. However, the District provides early childhood education services to qualifying children who are at least 3 years old to the extent required by law.

In most cases, in order to be admitted to 5-year-old kindergarten in the District a child must be five years old on or before September 1 in the year he/she proposes to enter school. However, a child who is under the standard legal age may be admitted to 5-year-old kindergarten if the District determines that he/she has met the conditions and standards for early admission as outlined in District procedures. A parent/guardian may make written application to the superintendent for early entrance of a child who becomes five years of age after September 1, but before October 15. Application shall be received by May 1 and will be evaluated in accordance with established procedures.

In most cases, in order to be admitted to first grade in the District a child must be six years old on or before September 1 of the year he/she proposes to enter first grade and must have completed 5-year-old kindergarten. However, a child may be admitted to first grade under the standard legal age if he/she has already completed a 5-year-old kindergarten program or its equivalent, as determined by the District. A child may also be admitted to first grade under the standard legal age and/or without having completed a 5-year-old kindergarten program if the District determines that he/she has met the conditions and standards for early admission and/or for an exemption from the state's kindergarten completion requirement, as outlined in District procedures.

A parent/guardian may make written application to the superintendent for early entrance of a child who becomes six years of age after September 1, but before October 15 and has not completed five-year old kindergarten. Applications shall be received by May 1 and will be evaluated in accordance with established procedures.

If a child's request for admission to kindergarten or first grade is denied, the child's parent or guardian may appeal the decision in writing to the District Administrator. The District Administrator's decision is final.

Legal References:

Wisconsin Statutes

Section 118.13	[student nondiscrimination]
Section 118.14(1)	[entrance age for kindergarten and first grade]
Section 118.15(1)	[compulsory school attendance]
Section 118.33(6)(cm)	[mandatory kindergarten completion for first grade admission; procedures for exempting students from mandatory kindergarten required]
Section 120.12(25)	[school board duty; adoption of procedures for early admission to kindergarten and first grade]

Cross References:

WASB PRG 421 Sample Policy 1
342.1, Programs for Students with Disabilities
411, Equal Educational Opportunities
420, School Admissions

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421(1)-Rule, Early Admission to Kindergarten
421(2)-Rule, Early Admission to First Grade
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