

ENTRANCE AGE

1. Kindergarten: No pupil may be enrolled in kindergarten whose fifth birthday does not occur on or before the first day of September of the school year during which the child registers to enter school.
2. First Grade: No pupil may be enrolled in the first grade whose sixth birthday does not occur on or before the first day of September of the school year during which the child registers to enter school.
3. The following procedure shall be followed for early admission to kindergarten or first grade in accordance with Section 115.28 (8) of the Wisconsin Statutes:
 - A. Application shall be made by the parent to the local school district administrator by May 1 of the preceding school year.
 - B. A personal interview shall be held to determine the parent's reasons for requesting entrance prior to the legal age.
 - C. An evaluation of the child's potential to benefit from early admission to kindergarten or first grade shall be required. The evaluation shall consider emotional stability, social and mental maturity and physical health. The individual evaluation shall be conducted by a certified school psychologist in conjunction with other pupil service workers. The evaluation shall be at no cost to parents.
 - D. After the evaluation in C. has been completed, a conference shall be held with the parents to consider the appropriateness of early entrance into kindergarten or first grade.
 - E. For first grade, the following additional conditions and standards must be met:
 1. The child was admitted to and successfully completed kindergarten under S.115.28(8); or
 2. The child successfully completed a program for five-year-old children which the school district deems equivalent to kindergarten; or
 3. The child not meeting the conditions of (1) or (2) above, but who as a result of the evaluation prescribed in 3.C, is considered capable of, and whose educational welfare would best be served by placement in first grade.
 - F. The school board has the final authority for deciding whether or not the child is to be admitted to kindergarten or first grade.

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Legal
References: