

NORTHAMPTON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Early Kindergarten Admission

District policy regarding age limit requirements for kindergarten admission indicates that a child will have reached the age of five (5) years before September 1 of the school year.

Recognizing that certain children may be developmentally ready for their kindergarten experience in spite of the age limit requirement, the following procedure for “accepting students for early kindergarten entrance” has been established.

In the case of parents who request early admission because they feel their child is developmentally ready for a kindergarten experience, the following procedure shall be adhered to:

- A. The parents shall request a psychological evaluation by a private, PA Certified School Psychologist acceptable to the school district at the family’s expense. The evaluation shall include a test of cognitive ability, such as the Stanford-Binet Intelligence Scale (SB5), or the Wechsler Preschool and Primary Scale of Intelligence-Third Edition (WPPSI-III).

The evaluation shall also include a test of academic skills, such as the Young Children’s Achievement Test (YCAT), Wechsler Individual Achievement Test-Third Edition (WIAT-III) or the Bracken Basic Concept Scale – Third Edition (BBCS-III).

Assessment of the child’s social/emotional development and perceptual-motor functioning must also be included as part of this psychological evaluation.

A written report of this evaluation, with appropriate comments regarding the child’s readiness for the kindergarten experience, should be forwarded to the district’s Supervisor of Psychological Services, who, along with the respective Building Principal, will make a recommendation to the school district regarding the child’s acceptance to kindergarten.
- B. This report must be received by the Supervisor of Psychological Services no later than July 1 of each calendar year.
- C. The Supervisor of Psychological Services and the respective Building Principal will provide a recommendation on each child evaluated to the Assistant Superintendent of Schools.
- D. The parents shall be informed by a letter written by the Assistant Superintendent of Schools as to whether the child will be accepted to kindergarten.
- E. All of the above steps must be accomplished in time to permit for a final decision to be made by July 31 of each calendar.
- F. If a student has entered another public or private kindergarten at an age younger than the current entrance age for kindergarten children and is transferred to the Northampton Area School District, he or she must be accepted as a kindergarten student.