

DE SOTO AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

421-Rule

**GUIDELINES FOR EARLY ADMISSION
TO KINDERGARTEN/FIRST GRADE**

The Board of Education has adopted the following procedures for early admission to kindergarten/first grade in exceptional cases.

1. Application shall be made by the parent(s)/guardian to the building principal.
2. A personal interview shall be held to determine the parent(s)/guardian's reasons for requesting entrance prior to the legal age.
3. An evaluation of the child's potential to benefit from early admission 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 student service workers. The evaluation shall be at no cost to the parent(s)/guardian.
4. After the evaluation in (3) has been completed, a conference shall be held with the parent(s)/guardian to consider the appropriateness of early entrance into kindergarten/first grade.
5. The Board has the final authority for deciding whether or not the child is to be admitted to kindergarten/first grade in accordance with the conditions and standards listed below.

Conditions and Standards - Kindergarten

The child demonstrates the social, emotional, physical, and mental maturity normally expected for successful participation in kindergarten.

Conditions and Standards – First Grade

1. The child was admitted early to, and successfully completed kindergarten; or
2. The child successfully completed a program for five-year old children which the District deems equivalent to kindergarten; or
3. The child demonstrates the social, emotional, physical, and mental maturity normally expected for successful participation in first grade.

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