

Policy 513.2 EARLY ENTRANCE INTO KINDERGARTEN

I. PURPOSE

In alignment with the district's strategic commitment to learner outcomes, the purpose of this policy is to establish the process to request early entrance into kindergarten in the Northfield School District.

II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY

Children shall be five years of age on or before September 1 of the year in which they start kindergarten and six years of age on or before September 1 of the year in which they start first grade. When a student has successfully completed an accredited kindergarten program, he or she may be placed in first grade, at the parents' request, regardless of age. Early entrance to kindergarten will be considered if a child's fifth birthday falls on a date after September 1, and before October 1, provided that the child demonstrates superior levels of intellectual, academic, and social development as specified by the [early entrance procedures](#). Such decisions shall be made cautiously due to the possible negative consequences for a student who spends their school career as the youngest member in their grade level.

A request must be made in writing directly to the elementary school principal no later than May 1 of the year for which early entrance is requested. An exception may be permitted at the sole discretion of the superintendent.

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