

Early Kindergarten FAQ's

- *What is the age requirement for kindergarten?*
Students entering kindergarten for the upcoming school year must be five years old on or before August 31, 2009.
- *Are there any exceptions?*
A child who will turn five **by December 31, may** be allowed to enter kindergarten if the child passes an early entrance screening.
- *How long is the screening?*
The screening will last approximately one hour.
- *Can I prepare my child for the screening?*
No. The screeners will be looking for readiness skills that come naturally to children. You can't prepare for this type of screening as you might for a traditional test.
- *When is the screening?*
Screening dates will be between April and June.
- *Will I stay with my child during the screening?*
No. However, we will ask that you remain on the site.
- *What is the cost of the screening?*
Parents will be charged \$30 per child tested. This covers the cost of screening materials and screener time.
- *Who will evaluate the results of the screening and determine if my child can enter kindergarten early?*
A team of professional educators will work together to administer the various components of the screening. Your child may interact with two to three adults during the process. These teams will then score the evaluation components using the scoring rubrics that accompany the testing materials and make a group decision on each child screened.
- *Can I appeal the decision of the Screening Team if my child is not accepted for early entrance?*
No. Every effort is being made to ensure that the screening process is fair and equitable for all participants. Decisions as to those who are ready for kindergarten entrance will be made by a team of professionals and we ask that parents honor the team's decision.
- *Is the screening fee refundable?*
If you decide not to have your child complete the screening, please contact us no later than the day of the screening. Your fee will be refunded. However, the fee will not be refundable in the case of no-shows who do not contact us or for those children who do not pass the screening and are not accepted for early entrance.

- *Can I register my child now, before the screening takes place?*
Please fill out the [Early Kindergarten Entrance Application](#). However, you should not complete a registration packet. Registration materials will be available for you to complete after your child has been admitted to the school.
- *Is preschool required for my child to qualify for early entrance into kindergarten?*
Preschool is not a requirement of early entrance.
- *Can I wait and request screening for my child in July or later?*
It is our intention to complete all early entrance screenings by June.