

EARLY ADMISSION TO KINDERGARTEN AND FIRST GRADE [W.S. 118.28 (8)]

Admission to the kindergarten and first grade of this school district may be obtained earlier than the time specified by Wisconsin Statutes 118.14 by following these procedures:

- 1) Application shall be made in writing to the district administrator, preferably in the spring prior to the fall of requested enrollment.
- 2) The district administrator and the elementary principal shall hold a personal interview with the parents to determine the parent's reason for requesting entrance prior to the legal age.
- 3) An evaluation shall be required to determine the child's potential to benefit from early admission to kindergarten and/or first grade. There shall be no cost to the parent for this evaluation. A post-evaluation conference shall be held with the parents to consider the appropriateness of early admission. The evaluation procedures shall follow the requirements of the administrative rule for this policy.

For early admission to kindergarten the following conditions and standards are prescribed by the State Superintendent of Public Instruction:

- a. The child is superior, in the full range of abilities and needs including social, emotional, physical, and mental maturity, or
- b. The child has been evaluated by a Multi-Disciplinary Team (M-Team) and determined not to have an exceptional educational need, but would benefit from an early intervention program, or
- c. The child successfully completed a four-year-old public school kindergarten during the previous school year.

For early admission to first grade the following conditions and standards are prescribed by the state superintendent of the Department of Public Instruction:

- a. The child was admitted to a successfully completed kindergarten under W.S. 115.28 (8), or
 - b. The child successfully completed a program for five-year-old children which the school district deems equivalent to kindergarten, or
 - c. The child not meeting conditions (a) and (b) above but who, as a result of the evaluation, is considered capable of and whose educational welfare would best be served by placement in first grade.
- 4) The Board of Education has the final authority for deciding whether or not the child is to be admitted to kindergarten or first grade prior to the legal age.
- a. The district administrator shall formally present a recommendation for each individual case based upon the evaluation and interview results.
 - b. The parents shall be advised prior to the meeting that the Board will be acting upon their request for early admission for their child.

The Deerfield School District does not discriminate against pupils on the basis of sex, race, religion, national origin, ancestry, creed, pregnancy, marital or parental status, sexual orientation, or physical, mental, emotional, or learning disability or handicap in its educational programs or activities.