Warsaw Community Schools

2013-2014 School year

Policy to Appeal for Early Entrance to Kindergarten

According to Indiana statute, children who have not attained the age five (5) by August 1 shall not be eligible for entrance into kindergarten. When parents request that a child enter kindergarten before the legal age, they must submit an Appeal to the Chief Academic Officer of the corporation*.*

Early Entrance Procedure

A parent of a child who attains age five (5) no later than September 30 of the school year may submit an appeal to be considered for enrollment to the Chief Academic Officer for the Warsaw Community Schools. The appeal must be made by June 15 of the year that early entrance is requested. The corporation will not entertain an appeal for a student younger than five (5) by September 30th of the school year. The appeal for early entrance shall include the following written information:

1. Name of the child
2. Date of birth of the child
3. Parents name and address
4. Name of any preschool program the child has attended, the dates of attendance, including the number of days the child attended per week each year of attendance and whether the program was half or full day.
5. Any other pertinent information about the child’s development and educational background (no more than one page)

Kindergarten Screening Requirement:

Prior to the decision about the child’s entry into kindergarten, the child may participate in a Kindergarten Readiness screening which will assess entry level skills, including the understanding and use of language, the ability to follow directions and remain on task, social maturity skills, eye-hand coordination, and fine and gross motor development.

Parents may also be interviewed and will receive information verbally and in writing about the Kindergarten program, including academic expectations and developmental readiness expectations.

Final Notification of the Status of the Early Entrance Appeal for Kindergarten

After the screening process is completed, parents will be informed of the results of the screening and if their child is eligible for early entrance to kindergarten. No other appeals will be considered after the screening process is completed and the resulting decision is given to the parents.

Early Entrance Appeal from Parents Outside of Warsaw Community Schools:

A parent of a student from outside the district may request admission to the district and early entrance to Kindergarten, if the child is eligible based on the age and the screening requirements stated above. If the child is eligible, the parents will be offered enrollment for their child in any school where space is available in the corporation. The parents will be responsible for transportation to kindergarten for a child from outside the corporation.

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