

MARATHON CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board Rule 421

PROCEDURES FOR EARLY ADMISSION TO KINDERGARTEN

1. Application shall be made by the parent/guardian to the elementary school principal by April 30th of the year for which early admission is requested. This may be waived if the child moves into the district after April 30th.
2. A personal interview shall be held to determine the parent's/guardian's reasons for requesting entrance prior to the statutory age.
3. An evaluation of the child's potential to benefit from early admission to school shall be required. The 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/guardian.
4. After the evaluation in (3) has been completed, a conference shall be held with the parent/guardian to consider appropriate placement of the child.
5. A child may be admitted to kindergarten early provided:
 - 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 an individualized education program (IEP) team and determined not to have a disability and would benefit from an early intervention program; or
 - c. The child successfully completed a four-year old public school kindergarten during the preceeding school year.
 - d. The child will be five years old on or before December 1st in the year he/she plans to enter school.
6. Final approval of all early admission shall be made by the Board of Education, based on the above criteria and the recommendation of the building principal.

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