

**ENTRANCE AGE**

No child may be admitted to 4K or 5K unless the child is of the program age on or before September 1<sup>st</sup> in the year he/she plans to enter school, unless they have met the criteria for early admission. A child who is four years old ( 4K program) or five (5K program) on or before December 1<sup>st</sup> of the year he/she plans to enter school may apply to the elementary school principal for early admission. Each case shall be considered and decided individually but must meet the following conditions.

1. Application shall be made by the parent to the elementary school principal no later than 60 days prior to the start of the school year.
2. The elementary principal shall conduct a personal interview to determine the parent's reasons for requesting entrance prior to legal age.
3. An evaluation of the child's potential to benefit from early admission to school shall be conducted by the MAES Child Development Screening Committee. The evaluation shall consider emotional stability, social and mental maturity, and academic strength.
4. After the evaluation in (c) has been completed, a conference shall be held with the parents to consider the appropriateness of early entrance into 4K or 5K programs.

The Marathon Board of Education has the final authority for deciding whether or not a child is to be admitted to the either 4K or 5K programs early upon completion of the application process in accordance with the conditions and standards below:

1. The child is superior in the full range of abilities and needs including social, emotional, physical, and mental maturity; or,
2. The child has been evaluated by the MAES Child Development Screening Committee who has determined the child would benefit from an early intervention program; or
3. The child has successfully completed four-year old public school kindergarten.

No child may be admitted to the first grade unless he/she is six years old on or before September 1<sup>st</sup> in the year he/she plans to enter school or has completed Kindergarten.

Special Education Programs: Enrollment Age

Given the written request of a child's parent/guardian, an individualized education program (IEP) screening shall be provided to a child who has reached the age of three to determine if the child has a disability. If so, and if the parent/guardian consents in writing, a resident child with a disability shall be placed in an appropriate special education program.

LEGAL REF.:                   Sections 115.80 Wisconsin Statutes  
  118.14  
  120.12(25)

CROSS REF.:                   Board Rule 421, Procedures for Early Admission to Kindergarten

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