



Early Entrance to First Grade Guidelines Zionsville Community Schools

School corporations have the authority and responsibility to enroll a student in the appropriate grade based on educational factors [I.C. 20-33-2-7 (b)]. Based on the state age requirement that a student be five years old by August 1 of the enrolling year for Kindergarten, most students entering first grade are six years old by August 1 of the first grade year.

Zionsville Community Schools believes as a general rule, it is beneficial for students to be six years old or older to enter first grade. But it is also recognized that there are some exceptions in the case of: (1) A child who has successfully completed kindergarten in Zionsville Community Schools. (2) A child who has already successfully completed a full year of kindergarten as a resident student in an accredited school corporation and demonstrated the academic and emotional readiness to enter first grade in ZCS. (3) A child who has been enrolled as a resident student in the first grade of another accredited school corporation and is moving into ZCS mid-year. 4) A child who is exceptional - socially, emotionally, and academically – who would benefit from early entrance to first grade.

Parents who wish to appeal for a waiver for early entrance to first grade must complete the Early Entrance to First Grade Waiver Application found on this website and submit the forms to Academic Services at the Zionsville Community Schools Educational Services Center by no later than June 1st.