



Early Kindergarten Application Guidelines

Children who have a birth date prior to September 30 and would like to be considered for entry into kindergarten may be permitted entry to the district's kindergarten program under the following stipulations:

Eligibility for the exemption shall be based upon an analysis of the student's performance in the following areas:

- cognitive ability,
- gross motor skills,
- fine motor skills,
- visual discrimination,
- auditory discrimination,
- emotional/social development, and
- language development

Students who are to be considered for exemption will be compared to the level of performance that would be expected of children with a chronological age of 5 years and 6 months.

Parents/guardians who wish to have their child considered for early entry into kindergarten in the West Valley School District must:

- Submit a letter of parent request to Special Services Director Dan Andrews stating the reasons for requesting accelerated placement. This request must be received prior to the tenth (10th) day of August.
- Agree to the District's evaluation procedures and criteria.
- Agree to pay a \$400 fee to cover the cost of testing materials and the time needed for the school psychologist to test and write the report.

Cognitive and Developmental Assessments will be administered by a WVSD School Psychologist:

- Battelle Developmental Inventory, 2
- Comprehensive Test of Phonological Processing, 2
- Beery VMI

Once a student qualifies, continued enrollment shall be contingent upon the recommendation of the building Student Study Team including the classroom teacher, the school principal, and if appropriate, a school psychologist. The child shall be observed during a forty-five (45) calendar day probationary period and attain satisfactory ratings.