

ENTRANCE AGE
(Mandatory Kindergarten)

Each child who is five years of age on or before August 1 is eligible to enroll in kindergarten.

Each child who is six years of age on or before August 1 and who has successfully completed kindergarten is eligible to enroll in the first grade.

When a request for early entrance to kindergarten is received, the building principal interviews the parent(s) and child and arranges for the testing. The child's fifth birthday must fall between August 2 and December 31 of the year requested for early entrance. Testing assists the District Acceleration Committee by measuring the following areas.

1. The child's mental age should be between 14 and 16 months above his/her chronological age as determined by standardized tests.
2. The child's total I.Q. should be at least 125 on a deviation scale as determined by standardized testing.
3. The child should possess and demonstrate social and emotional characteristics that permit conformity with the pattern of behavior commonly expected of children in kindergarten.
4. Admission of the child is recommended by both the school psychologist and building principal.

When a family including a child who reaches the age of six after August 1 moves to Tiffin during the school year from a school system where such child was in first grade, he/she will be permitted to enroll in first grade in Tiffin if both of the following conditions are met:

- A. the child has been in regular attendance in first grade in the school from which he/she is transferring, and
the child's former teacher or principal provides a report which indicates satisfactory progress, and
a psychological examination, if one is requested by the Superintendent of schools, indicates the child's readiness to carry on the first grade course of study of the Tiffin City School System and
- B. the child has completed one year of Kindergarten and has been promoted to first grade.

If a family residing in Tiffin sends a child too young for admission to first grade in the Tiffin City Schools to the first grade in another school district for a part of the school year, such child will not be admitted to first grade in the District schools at any time during the school year, unless the principal and teacher agree that satisfactory progress has been made.

PROOF OF AGE – Birth certificates, baptismal certificates or other clearly established proofs of age are required of all students entering Kindergarten or grade one of the Tiffin City Schools.

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CROSS REFS.: IKEB, Acceleration
JEA, Compulsory Attendance Ages
JEBA, Early Entrance To Kindergarten

EARLY ENTRANCE TO KINDERGARTEN

State law establishes minimum age requirements for admission to kindergarten. A child who does not meet the age requirement for admittance to kindergarten or first grade, but who will be five or six years old, respectively, prior to January 1 of the school year in which admission is requested, shall be evaluated for early admittance in accordance with District policy upon referral by the child's parent or guardian, an educator employed by the district, a preschool educator who knows the child or a pediatrician or psychologist who knows the child. Following an evaluation in accordance with such a referral, the Superintendent/designee decides whether to admit the child.

If a child, for whom admission to kindergarten or first grade is requested, will not be five or six years of age, respectively, prior to January 1 of the school year in which admission is requested, the child is admitted only in accordance with the District's acceleration policy adopted under State law.

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IKEB, Acceleration
JEB, Entrance Age (Mandatory Kindergarten)