

New Century School Policy No. 537

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537 Early Admission to Kindergarten

I. PURPOSE State law requires that Kindergarten students must attain the age of five years on or prior to September 1 of the enrollment year, unless the local school board has adopted a policy for early enrollment in select cases. The purpose of this policy is to explain criteria for early admission to Kindergarten at New Century School.

II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY

A. Students entering kindergarten must be five years old on or before September 1. A Child whose birth date falls between September 2 and October 31 may be considered for admission to Kindergarten based upon an assessment procedure.

III. ASSESSMENT PROCEDURE FOR EARLY ADMISSION TO KINDERGARTEN

A. Parents interested in early kindergarten need fill out an application and submit it to the school office. The School staff will call the students family for screening. Students will have to pass the screening in order to be enrolled.

B. School-based assessment teams will interview parents regarding the child's readiness for kindergarten. An assessment team will review the interview data to determine if the student is ready for kindergarten. The student's social-emotional-behavioral and academic readiness will be assessed.

C. The assessment team will inform the Director, parent liaison and parents, whether the student has been accepted based on the interview, observation, and assessment data.

D. Parents must sign a document acknowledging that the child may repeat kindergarten if the child does not make adequate gains and is not able to meet the Kindergarten standards

E. Parents will receive written communication regarding the children's academic and behavioral progress and needs during the first parent-teacher conference in early October.

F. Parents will be notified as to whether their child has made adequate gains to be promoted to grade 1 by May 1.