

## **PROCEDURES FOR EARLY ADMISSION TO FIRST GRADE**

**421-Rule 2**

1. Application shall be made by the parent to the local school district administrator and/or designee.
2. A personal interview shall be held to determine the parent's reasons for requesting entrance prior to the legal age.
3. An evaluation of the child's potential to benefit from early admission to first grade shall be required. The evaluation shall consider emotional stability, social and mental maturity, and physical health. The individual evaluation shall be conducted by a certified school psychologist in conjunction with other pupil service workers. The evaluation shall be at no cost to the parents.
4. After the evaluation in (3) has been completed, a conference shall be held with the parents to consider the appropriateness of early entrance into first grade.
5. Based on the results of the evaluation and parent conference, the Administrator has the authority to approve or deny the request for early admission.
6. If the request is denied, the parent has the right to request that the Board of Education hear their appeal.
7. Further, pursuant to the authority vested in the State Superintendent of Public Instruction by Section 115.28(8), Wisconsin Statutes, the following standards are prescribed:
  - a. The child was admitted to and successfully completed kindergarten under s. 115.28(8); or
  - b. The child successfully completed a program for five-year-old children which the School District deems equivalent to kindergarten; or
  - c. The child not meeting the conditions of (a) or (b) above but who, as a result of the evaluation prescribed in (3), is considered capable of and whose educational welfare would best be served by placement in first grade.

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