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Early Kindergarten Waiver Request Procedures

This Procedure is written to comply with I.C. 20-33-2-7.

Parents interested in having their student attend kindergarten **must be five (5) years old on or before August 1st to enroll in kindergarten for the upcoming school year.** If a family has a student younger than five (5) years of age by August 2, and wishes to apply for early kindergarten admission, they must submit an Early Kindergarten Waiver Request and agree to an assessment for their child.

Parents and school personnel should view such early entrance as a form of grade acceleration. Careful consideration must be given to the child's needs, cognitive and social-emotional development, and the effect such early entrance may have on school success during all phases of maturation.

Waiver requests are available at Elwood Elementary. These must be filled out in their entirety in order to be considered. **Students must turn five (5) on or before October 1st to qualify for this waiver.** Students may only have testing rendered one time per school-calendar year.

Waiver request procedures for early kindergarten admission are as follows:

1. Parent/Guardian completes a waiver request and the parent questionnaire and turns it in at Elwood Elementary.
2. Attached to the waiver request should be:
 - Two (2) proofs of residency dated within the past sixty (60) days
 - Parent/Guardian government-issued photo ID
 - Child's government-issued birth certificate
 - Letter of recommendation from current daycare, preschool teacher, or physician
 - If applicable, any assessment that has been completed indicating the student's ability level will be accepted.
3. Child's birthday must be verified as five (5) years old between August 2nd through October 1st.
4. Documents will be reviewed and parent will be contacted for assessment time.
5. ECSC will administer a one-on-one assessment to determine eligibility. Parents will be required to wait in the front office.
6. The early entrance committee will review all student data to determine eligibility.
7. Parents will be notified of the committee's decision in writing and by phone.