

NORTH PROVIDENCE SCHOOL DEPARTMENT KINDERGARTEN EARLY ADMISSION POLICY	First Read: 7/22/15
	Second Read: 8/5/15
	Third Read: 8/26/15

Purpose: To implement consistent procedures regarding the appropriate placement of children entering Kindergarten.

General Admission Criteria:

In accordance with Rhode Island General Law 16-2-27 – “Every child who has or will have attained five (5) years of age on or before September 1 of any school year shall be eligible to attend Kindergarten during all the days that the Kindergartens are in session during the school year.

Residency Requirement:

- Student must be a documented resident of the Town of North Providence.

Consideration for Early Admission into Kindergarten:

- Child must celebrate his/her fifth birthday on or before **September 15th** (No Exceptions) of the year of admittance to be considered for the Early Admission Process.
- Child must be a documented resident of the Town of North Providence.
- Superintendent must approve a written request from the parents or guardians to begin the Early Admission Process by August 1st of any year.
- School must have adequate space to accommodate a child younger than age five (5) on or before September 1st without causing additional staffing and overages.
- Child must be evaluated by North Providence educators regarding academic and social maturity to determine if the child has a good chance for success entering Kindergarten early.

- Child must achieve the following evaluation scores on all assessments to be considered for early admission:

Assessment	Score
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AIMS Web – Letter Naming 	Score - 21
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • North Providence Kindergarten Math Assessment 	Score – 110-116
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fountas & Pinnell Benchmark Assessment 	Reading Level B
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fountas & Pinnell Sight Word Assessment 	Rubric Score 4 (50-60 words)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RI Learning & Development Standards: Social & Emotional Development 	Meet 60 mos Benchmark

- The parents or guardians must submit physical vision and hearing records/assessments dated within six months of early entrance request.
- This Policy will be reviewed annually.