

<b>NORTH PROVIDENCE SCHOOL DEPARTMENT KINDERGARTEN EARLY ADMISSION POLICY</b>	<b>Approved: 5/27/2020</b>

**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 15<sup>th</sup>** (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 1<sup>st</sup> of desired enrollment year.
- School must have adequate space to accommodate a child younger than age five (5) on or before September 1<sup>st</sup> 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 will have one attempt. No re-assessments permitted.
- Child must achieve the following evaluation scores on **all** assessments to be considered for early admission:

Assessment	Score
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>AIMS Web Plus – Letter Naming Fluency</li> </ul>	Score – 31
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>North Providence Kindergarten Math Assessment</li> </ul>	Score – 42-53
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fountas &amp; Pinnell Benchmark Assessment</li> </ul>	Reading Level A
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fountas &amp; Pinnell Sight Word Assessment</li> </ul>	Rubric Score - 4 35-45/90 K Words
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>RI Learning &amp; Development Standards: Social &amp; Emotional Development as measured by: Ages and Stages Questionnaire; Social-Emotional 2<sup>nd</sup> Ed. (If currently enrolled in Pre-School/Daycare, your child’s teacher will complete this).</li> </ul>	Meet 60 mos. Benchmark
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Must pass Child Outreach Screening.</li> </ul>	

- 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.

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