



## 599P Early Entrance to K/1<sup>st</sup> Grade Checklist

### I. Early Entrance to Kindergarten/Grade 1

Admission to schools in Fridley School District #14 is free and open to all residents of the District between the ages of 5 and 21 years. As per Minnesota Statute 120A.20 Subd. 1., no child may be admitted to kindergarten unless he/she is at least 5 years of age on September 1<sup>st</sup> of the calendar year of school which he/she wishes to begin school. Grade one attendance is for children at least 6 years of age on September 1<sup>st</sup> of the school calendar year in which he/she wishes to gain entrance, and/or who have completed kindergarten in a public or private school.

#### Rules and Procedures

A. Children who reach 5/6 years of age on or before December 1<sup>st</sup> for kindergarten/grade one may be considered for early entrance according to the following procedures:

1. Contact an elementary building principal after January 1<sup>st</sup> in the year the parent/guardian wishes their child to enter kindergarten/grade one.
2. The elementary building principal will provide information regarding early entrance for a child.
3. Parent or guardian, after reviewing the information, may choose to complete and return an application form to the Director of Educational Services. These applications will be accepted beginning May and no later than July 31<sup>st</sup>. The Director of Educational Services shall assign an appropriate evaluator for the early entrance assessment of students. All evaluators will be required to have current licensure as a school psychologist.

B. A kindergarten child moving into the school district during the school year from another school district may be allowed to continue his/her education in kindergarten in the Fridley School District.

C. Those children entering kindergarten as described under (A) will, upon completing kindergarten work, be allowed to enter first grade at the beginning of the following school year.

## II. Early Entrance to Kindergarten/Grade 1 Checklist

- ❑ Parent Contacts Building Principal after January 1<sup>st</sup>
- ❑ Principal meets with the parents, explains the process and criteria and shares the information in the Early Entrance Packet.
- ❑ If parent/guardian chooses to complete application, parent/guardian returns the form to the principal and the principal sends it to the Director of Educational Services. Applications are due by August 15<sup>th</sup>.
- ❑ Director of Educational Services contacts the school psychologist.
- ❑ School psychologist arranges testing with the parents outside the school day. During the summer the psychologist will be contacted by phone and email.
- ❑ School psychologist reviews the data with the principal. The building principal arranges meeting with parent/guardian and school psychologist to review findings and inform the parents of the decision.
- ❑ School psychologist will make available a written report to the parent/guardian.
- ❑ Based on findings, appropriate registration occurs.

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