

Kindergarten Early Admission Guidelines

Children who will be 5 years old on or before September 1 of the school year are eligible to [enroll in kindergarten](#). If your child will turn 5 later in September and you believe he or she would qualify for and benefit from advanced grade placement, you may request early entry for your child.

Age requirement: To be eligible to request early admission, your child must be 5 years old on or before September 30 of the upcoming school year. The Creswell School District will evaluate early admission requests only for those students whose birth dates are in September. *No exceptions* will be made for children born after September 30.

Residency requirement: Families who wish to request early admission within the school district, or from another school district into Creswell, must first be approved for early admission before they may submit a transfer request.

Process for early entry requests:

- **Application:** Complete and submit the [early admission request form](#) between May 1 and August 1. No applications will be accepted past the August 1st deadline.
- **Assessment:** Assessment takes place in August. Students must achieve a score of 97% or above for placement. An assessment will be scheduled with and completed by a private psychologist that the parent chooses **or** you may use a district selected School Psychologist for a fee of \$100. Should you choose to use the district's School Psychologist, you will be notified of the date and time for your child's assessment. Depending on when your application is submitted, assessments will be scheduled in May, June and August. Your child's assessment will take approximately 30–45 minutes and will cost \$100.
- **Review and recommendation:** The Early Entry Assessment Team and the Creslane school administrator will review the data, make a recommendation, and notify you of whether your child's request for early entry has been accepted or denied.
- **Cost:** The cost of the early entry assessment is only necessary when using district personnel. The cost is \$100. Payment may be submitted at the time of your child's assessment. Checks should be made payable to Creswell School District.

The evidence for early entry indicates that in order to be successful not only in kindergarten but also for the following 12 years in school, the students need to be exceptionally strong candidates. Because an early entered student will be the youngest in his/her class, the student's academic strengths will help offset some of the issues many younger students face, such as physical or social immaturity.

For more information please see district policy JEBA:

<https://policy.osba.org/creswell/search.asp?si=75853865&pid=r&nsb=1&n=0& charset =windows-1252&bcd=%F7&s=creswell&query=early+entry>