

Wapakoneta City Schools

Talented and Gifted Program

EARLY ENTRANCE Policies and Procedures

The District provides early admission to kindergarten and first grade for qualified students. Copies of the referral forms for evaluation for early entrance to kindergarten or first grade will be available in each school building. Any student residing in the District may be referred by a staff member or a parent/guardian to the principal of the school for evaluation for possible early admission. Students may refer themselves or a peer through a staff member who has knowledge of the referred child's abilities.

Pursuant to R.C. 3321.01, all children who will be the proper age for entrance to kindergarten or first grade by the first day of January of the school year for which admission is requested shall be evaluated upon request of the child's parent or legal guardian. Children who will not be the proper age for entrance to kindergarten or first grade by the first day of January of the school year for which admission is requested shall also be evaluated for early admittance if referred by an educator within the District, a pre-school educator who knows the child, or a pediatrician or psychologist who knows the child. Such children may also be evaluated at the discretion of the principal of the school to which the student may be admitted.

For Wapakoneta City Schools board policy regarding early entrance please visit:

<http://www.neola.com/wapakoneta-oh/>

and search for policy 5112

Should you feel that a student should be evaluated for possible early entrance please complete the attached form and return it to Carrie Knoch at Wapakoneta Elementary or an elementary building principal.

Children referred for early entrance will be evaluated in a prompt manner. The principal of the school to which the child may be admitted shall convene an acceleration evaluation committee to determine whether early entrance is appropriate for that child.

Children considered for early entrance shall be evaluated using an acceleration assessment process approved by the Ohio Department of Education.

A meeting will be conducted with the parent/guardian following the evaluation to inform him/her of the committee's decision and, if appropriate, to discuss the results of the evaluation and the nature of the kindergarten or first grade program.

The parent/guardian will be provided with a written summary of the outcome of the evaluation process. This notification shall include instructions for appealing the outcome of the evaluation process.

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REFERRAL FORM FOR POSSIBLE ACADEMIC ACCELERATION/EARLY ADMITTANCE

Name of Student _____
School/Building _____ Grade _____

Type of Referral:

- Early Entrance
- Single Subject Acceleration (Subject: _____)
- Whole Grade Acceleration

Referral made by _____

Relationship to student:

- Staff Member
- Parent/Guardian
- Pre-school educator
- Pediatrician or psychologist
- Self
- Peer

Please briefly describe student traits that indicate a possible need for acceleration:

**COMPLETED FORM SHOULD BE SENT TO CARRIE KNOCH, WAPAKONETA ELEMENTARY or
A BUILDING PRINCIPAL**

Permission to Screen/Assess:

(Complete only if nominator is a parent of the nominated student)

I give permission for my child _____ to participate in screening and assessment for possible identification of giftedness.

parent name (please print)

parent signature

date