

Early Entrance to Kindergarten and First Grade

- Between March 1 and May 1, parents will meet with the principal and Director of Student Services to discuss the child's early entrance potential.
- Following this discussion, if parents wish to continue this process, they will be given the necessary informational forms to be completed.
- Parents will return the completed forms, along with a certified copy of the child's birth certificate, to the principal by May 1 with the \$125 fee to cover the assessments.
- The screening and testing will occur during an individual session with the school staff in early August.
- After the screening and testing, parents will be invited to a feedback conference. Members of the early entrance team and an administrator will provide information regarding the child's performance during the screening, review test results, and give parents a written summary of the screening.
- The eligibility decision will be made by the early entrance team.
- Children who are accepted for early entrance will be enrolled on a probationary basis, and the school staff will assess each child's initial adjustment to school during the first twenty days of school. If it is determined that the child's adjustment is successful, the child may continue enrollment in the early entrance program. If a child's adjustment is not successful, the principal will request a meeting with the parents where it may be determined that the child enroll when he/she meets the state's enrollment age requirement for his/her appropriate grade level.

Bannockburn School District 106 follows Illinois School Code, which specifies that to enter kindergarten, children must be five years of age by September 1 of their kindergarten year and six years of age by September 1 of their first-grade year. Occasionally, exceptions to both of these policies may be made for children whose potential and skills are in the superior range.

Bannockburn School District 106 has specific criteria and procedures for considering parent requests for early entrance. The decision for a child to enter school early can have a profound effect on his or her academic and social performance for the remainder of the child's school career.

Bannockburn School District 106 takes the decision for a child to enter school early very seriously, the goal being to ensure that the child is not frustrated by the challenges of the instructional programs and the effect that early placement might have.

Criteria for Eligibility:

Kindergarten

- The child's fifth birthday falls between September 2 and October 31, as documented by a certified copy of the birth certificate.
- The child demonstrates attention, gross and fine motor skills, and expressive and receptive language skills in the very superior range.
- The child attains a score of 97% or higher on the NWEA (Northwest Evaluation Assessment) Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) in the areas of reading and math administered by District 106.

First Grade

- The child's sixth birthday falls between September 2 and December 31, as documented by a certified copy of the birth certificate.
- The child has attended preschool and has successfully completed education through kindergarten at that facility and was taught by an appropriately certified teacher.
- The child attains a score of 97% or higher on the NWEA (Northwest Evaluation Assessment) Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) in the areas of reading and math administered by District 106.