



A Guide to Early Entrance into Kindergarten Monroe County School District

Early Entrance

In Kentucky, if parents feel that child is academically, socially, and emotionally ready for kindergarten but doesn't meet the age requirements, parents can choose to apply for early admission. The normal entry age requires students to turn five years by August 1st. To qualify for early admission, children must:

- Child must turn five between August 2nd and November 1st.
- Complete the petition for early enrollment form and early settings information sheet.
- Score above average on readiness assessments or have been previously enrolled in Preschool and HeadStart the year prior to early enrollment.

Parents should pick up and complete an early admission to kindergarten packet. The application can be found on our website www.monroe.kyschools.us or a paper application can be picked up at the board of education at 309 Emberton Street, Tompkinsville, KY.

The Early Admissions committee will make a decision based on the information collected above for early entrance.

Please be aware that children who are accepted through early admission must attend their districted school.

Kindergarten Early Enrollment FAQ's

1. What happens after I complete the registration form and submit it to the Board of Education?

You will be contacted to set up an appointment for screening your child using the Brigance Screen III.

2. Who will administer the assessment?

A certified teacher will give your child the Brigance Screen III.

3. What skills are assessed and how long does the screening take?

The Brigance The test is not an IQ test nor is it a full scale educational assessment – it is a norm referenced test that compares each child's results with the performance of other examinees. Brigance Testing covers a variety of school based curriculum topics through a series of assessments, including language development, science and math proficiencies and gross motor skills.

While your child completes the screening, the parents will be asked to complete a survey of self-help and social-emotional skills.

The screening usually takes 30 minutes.

4. How will the results be reported to parents?

Parents will receive a letter with the results of the assessment.

5. Can my child be retested or is there an appeal procedure?

The assessment will only be given one time and there is not an appeal procedure.

6. What if I change my mind about early entrance into Kindergarten?

Your child can be withdrawn from school during the first two months of school due to immaturity by mutual agreement of the parents and school personnel.

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Early Skills Checklist**