

ODYSSEY ACADEMY
School District 4030
Brooklyn Center, Minnesota

Policy #511

EARLY KINDERGARTEN ADMISSION POLICY

I. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY

All children in Minnesota are required to begin attending school by the age of seven. Children are not required by statute to complete kindergarten before beginning first grade. The school recommends that children attend kindergarten before entering first grade.

II. PROCEDURE

- A. Children who are five years of age on or before September 1 of the school year may enroll in kindergarten. The enrollment process is according to Policy #510.

- B. Children who are five years of age on September 1 through September 30 of the calendar year may enroll in kindergarten if they meet the school's early admission to kindergarten requirements outlined below.
 - 1. Families seeking early admission to kindergarten must submit a completed enrollment form and two letters of recommendation from non-relatives requesting professional testing and observation between January 1 and June 30 prior to the year of admission.
 - 2. The assessment requirements will include an assessment of:
 - a. cognitive functioning and readiness skills for academics
 - b. social and emotional characteristics
 - c. motor skillsThe assessment will be completed by school professional staff licensed for the purpose.
 - 3. The school will have an early admission kindergarten team review the assessment results. The team shall include a kindergarten teacher and the Executive Director.
 - 4. The team shall decide if the child is approved for early admission. The decision of the team is final and will be communicated to the family in writing.