

Students

ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS ON ADMISSION / PLACEMENT

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Kindergarten Entry

Effective July 1, 2024, district schools shall be open to all children five years of age or over or who reach five on or before the first day of September of any given school year.

Beginning in the 2025-26 school year, parents(s)/guardian(s) of children who will not be five years old on or before September 1 but will reach five years old before January 1 of each respective school year may submit a written request to the District seeking early admission. The written request must indicate that the parent(s)/guardian(s) considers their four-year-old child developmentally appropriate to be admitted early to kindergarten.

The parent(s)/guardian(s) written request to the District seeking early admissions will prompt an assessment and observation of the four-year-old child. All assessments and observations shall be administered, conducted, and analyzed by Fairfield Public Schools certified staff.

The early admissions waiver process will include:

- A. an in-person standardized measure.
- B. an in-person classroom observation.
- C. a parent completed and submitted observation checklist, provided by the district, of developmentally appropriate kindergarten skills and knowledge.

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) will be required to bring their child to the District's assessment location on the indicated administration date(s) to participate in the early admissions waiver process and assessment.

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) who relocate to Fairfield after the District's waiver administration timeline, have a four-year-old child after September 1 of any given school year, and request an early admissions waiver may contact Fairfield Public Schools Central Offices to initiate the early admissions waiver process.

The District shall make final decisions on early admission after completing and analyzing the early admissions assessment and observation protocols. The District's decision shall be considered final.

September 10, 2024