

WCPS Early Admittance to Kindergarten Procedures

If you are considering early admittance to kindergarten, your child will be considered eligible for testing if he/she turns **five years old between September 2, 2020 and October 15, 2020.**

Students turning five years old after October 15, 2020 will not be considered for testing.

Please understand the standards for early admittance to Kindergarten are very high to ensure our students are successful if a recommendation is made for advanced grade placement.

Applications for early admittance to Kindergarten for the 2020-2021 school year will be accepted from **January 2 through June 5, 2020.**

Per Maryland State Department of Education Regulations, to be eligible to enter Kindergarten for the 2020-2021 school year, children must be five years of age by September 1, 2020. If your child does not turn five by Sept. 1, 2020, and you want to request early admittance testing, please follow the steps below.

How to Apply for Early Admittance Testing:

- Parents/Guardians of children who are requesting early admittance testing to Kindergarten must first complete the WCPS Application for Early Admittance to Kindergarten. (Linked here).
- Submit the completed application to the address listed at the bottom of the application.
- Parents/Guardians will be notified of a testing date/time beginning in April, 2020.
- It is recommended that parents/guardians complete an application for pre-kindergarten in the event the student does not qualify for early admittance. Pre-kindergarten applications can be downloaded at www.wcpsmd.com or can be obtained at any elementary school beginning in March.
- Testing will take place at the **WCPS Center for Educational Services, 10435 Downsville Pike, Hagerstown, MD 21740.**
- During the testing session, children will participate in a one-on-one assessment with an Early Learning Specialist. Assessments will include a variety of measures indicative of success in four domains. Mathematics, English Language Arts, Social Foundational Skills, and Physical Development (with an inclusion of Social Studies and Science Skills) will be assessed.
- Parents/Guardians will be notified by mail of the school's recommendation within 10 business days of the assessment. **Results will not be available on the day of the assessment.**
- **Applications received after the June 5, 2020 deadline will not be accepted.**

For additional information, please contact the Early Learning Department at 301-766-8722 or contact Dr. Stacy Henson via e-mail at hensosta@wcps.k12.md.us.