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ENTRANCE AGE

All children residing within the boundaries of the School District of Hartford Jt. #1 who meet the age requirements of the State of Wisconsin (Statute 118.4) for four year old kindergarten, five year old kindergarten or first grade shall be admitted to the public schools in the District. Children wishing admission to four year old kindergarten, five year old kindergarten or first grade, must have their fourth, fifth and sixth birthdays, respectively, on or before September 1. However, any parent and/or legal guardian who is a resident of the School District may apply for early admission to five year old kindergarten or first grade for a child in accordance with established Board procedures. Early admission to four year old kindergarten will not be considered.

Beginning in the 2011-12 school year, with certain exceptions, State law will require a child to complete five year old kindergarten as a prerequisite to being admitted to first grade in a public school.

Children will have the opportunity to apply for early admission provided they are at least five years old by October 15 of the year in which they desire to enroll. Children must be six years old on or before October 15 for consideration of early admission to first grade. The criteria for early admission will be based on consideration of the individual child's full range of abilities and needs, including but not limited to his or her ability to cope with the established environment intellectually, socially, physically, behaviorally and emotionally.

Based on the investigation and evaluation of all the evidence, the administration shall make a decision regarding early admission. Parents of children who are denied early admission may, following consultation with the District Administrator or his/her designee, appeal to the Board of Education for a final decision. The procedures and criteria shall be followed in compliance with the Board established policy regarding application for early admission to school.

LEGAL REFERENCE: Sections 118.14, 120.12(25) Wisconsin Stats.

CROSS REFERENCE: JEB-R, Early Admission Guidelines