

BETHEL SCHOOL DISTRICT #52
BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY STATEMENT

Subject: **Early Entrance**

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POLICY

Students, who are five years old on or before September 1, will be admitted to Bethel's kindergarten program. Students who transfer into the Bethel School District who have been enrolled in a certified kindergarten program in another District will be allowed to continue their kindergarten experience. After a student has met the age requirement to enter kindergarten, that student may be considered for promotion (see Administrative Rule).

The Board recognizes that some students who have not been previously enrolled in a public school can benefit from an early kindergarten placement. Therefore, the Board may allow early entry for a student who is sufficiently advanced to succeed in the educational program based on the student's:

1. Cognitive development (IQ testing)
2. Social development
3. Specific readiness skills

For students who will be five between September 2 and November 1, and the parents/guardians believe that the student is ready for school, the parents/guardians must notify the District of their intent to seek early enrollment before July 1. Specific requirements are established in Administrative Rule JEB.

The Board authorizes the Superintendent or designee to develop criteria and procedures to be used in evaluating the assessment results for early entry.

REPORTS

None.

ATTACHMENTS

None.

END OF POLICY

REFERENCES / COMMENTS

[Bethel Administrative Rule JEB: Early Entrance](#) (includes Request For Early Kindergarten/First Grade Entrance Form)

[ORS 336.092](#) and [336.095](#): Free kindergarten facilities, required; admission of underage child