



## **Early Entry into Kindergarten**

### **A. Introduction:**

In accordance with board Policy 4.10.032-P, early entry is granted for an intellectually and /or academically advanced child who would not otherwise be allowed to enter kindergarten for another year due to his/her date of birth.

### **B. Early Entry into Kindergarten:**

1. Students whose fifth birthday occurs after September 1<sup>st</sup> and on or before October 1<sup>st</sup> may apply for early entry into Kindergarten. All applications for early entry must be received by the Talented and Gifted [TAG] Office by May 15<sup>th</sup> unless applying for the School Choice Transfer Process, in which case applications must be received by February 15<sup>th</sup>.
2. Process: The TAG Office will make the final determination on advanced readiness for early entry based on the following criteria:
  - (a) Nationally normed academic and cognitive assessments.
  - (b) The child's preschool history and teacher survey reflecting readiness for early entry into school.
  - (c) The child is prepared socially and emotionally to enter school early.
  - (d) If the child meets the above criteria, outreach and conversation with the child's potential neighborhood principal must take place to discuss best fit and enrollment.