

United Community Center Schools
Early Entrance to Five-Year Old Kindergarten and First Grade

Early Entrance Criteria

Five Year Old Kindergarten: The child turns five (5) years old by December 1 of the desired academic year of placement, as documented by a certified copy of the child's birth certificate.

First Grade: The child turns six (6) years old by December 1 of the desired academic year of placement, as documented by a certified copy of the child's birth certificate.

The child scores in the superior range on a variety of standardized assessments. Examples are listed below, including the target score. (Assessments may vary depending on the need of desired information and availability of the test.)

Intellectual function score: 130+ (DAS - Preschool)

Academic/school readiness score: 121+ (Woodcock Johnson Test of Achievement IV)

Social/emotional abilities score: 116+ (Social Skills Rating System)

Fine motor skills score: 118+ (Test of Visual Motor Integration)

Receptive and expressive language development score: 120+ (Bracken Test of Basic Concepts)

The child must **meet or exceed** the standard in **four of five categories** listed above in addition to the age requirement.

Procedure

1. A parent/guardian will contact the Principal to indicate an interest in early entrance to five year old kindergarten or first grade no later than April 30 of the school year preceding the academic year of the requested placement.
2. Parents will submit responses to a questionnaire, a records release from the child's current educational setting and a certified copy of the child's birth certificate to the school psychologist.
3. Appointments will be scheduled to conduct the assessments.
4. After a review of the assessment results in a meeting with the parents and those who conducted the tests, a recommendation to approve or decline the early entrance request will be made to the school principal.
5. The school principal will communicate his/her decision to the parent/guardian.
6. The school principal's decision is final.
7. Requests for early entrance are limited to one during a student's enrollment tenure at the United Community Center Schools.

Application for Early Entrance

Name of Child _____ DOB _____

Name of Parent/Guardian Requesting the Early Entrance Consideration:

Postal Mailing Address _____

Email _____

Phone _____

Request for early entrance into: _____ Date of Request _____

Please answer the following questions below.

1. Why do you feel your child should be considered for early entrance into _____?
2. Do you have any concerns about your child's health or physical development?
3. What responsibilities does your child have at home? What do you do when your child does not follow-through?
4. How does your child respond when he/she tries something, but struggles or fails?
5. What types of reading activities does your child engage in at home?
6. What kinds of experiences does your child have with writing tools such as crayons, markers or pencils?

7. List what your child knows about:

- a. Shapes
- b. Numbers
- c. Letters
- d. Patterns
- e. Colors
- f. Directions (left, right, up, down, etc.)

8. How does your child handle transitions and new situations?

9. Describe how your child handles social situations with other children.

- a. Meeting someone new
- b. Sharing
- c. Taking turns
- d. Cooperating
- e. Conversations

10. Is there any other information you would like to share about your child that was not mentioned above?