

Renville County West Policy #513.1
Early Entrance to Kindergarten

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to define the age eligibility requirements of kindergarten students.

II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY

Children who become five (5) years of age on or before September 1 of the calendar year in which the school year commences are eligible to enter kindergarten. A legal birth certificate or passport will be required as proof of age.

Students who demonstrate superior academic readiness will be considered for early entrance to kindergarten if they will be turning five (5) years of age between September 2 and August 31 of their early entrance school year.

Renville County West's Early Admission Plan describes their process and procedures for a comprehensive evaluation in cognitive, social, and emotional development domains to help determine the child's ability to meet kindergarten grade expectation and progress to first grade in the subsequent year.

All children in Minnesota are required to begin attending school by the age of seven. Children are not required by statute to complete kindergarten before beginning first grade. The district recommends that children attend kindergarten before entering first grade.

Cross References: *School Board Policy 513 (Student Promotion, and/or Retention, and Program Design)*

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