

Minimum Age Requirement

According to Indiana law, a child must be 5 on or before August 1 to enter kindergarten in order to allow children time to acquire the readiness skills necessary for success in kindergarten. If deemed appropriate, exceptions may be made.



Early Entry Considerations

Since your child will be one of the youngest in the class, it may put him/her at a disadvantage. Some early entry students may experience the following:

1. Attention span may be shorter than older children.
2. Gross- and fine-motor skills may not be as well developed.
3. Some younger children are not ready for the structure of kindergarten.
4. The child may become a follower instead of a leader and may have to work harder to keep up with older peers.
5. Due to immaturity, some early entrants must repeat kindergarten. This may compromise the child's emotional well-being and self-concept.

Interested in learning more? Visit:
evscschools.com/KindergartenEnrollment
for more information on early entry into kindergarten.

Parents also are asked to complete the EVSC's Request form found on the website above.



The EVSC also offers early learning opportunities for students ages 3 -5. Check them out today!

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Early Kindergarten Entry



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Is Your Child Ready?

- Is your child more mature and has a longer attention span than most others his/her age?
- Can your child consistently sit with a group of children and listen to a 10 - 15 minute story?
- Can your child independently take care of personal needs (dress, button, tie, snap, sip)?
- Is your child bathroom trained (self-sufficient)?
- Can your child complete 3-step oral directions without prompting or reminders?
- Can your child speak clearly in complete sentences?
- Can your child tell a story to an adult?
- Can your child initiate a play activity when given toys and takes care of toys?
- Can your child count toys?
- Can your child separate from parents in unfamiliar surroundings without crying?
- Does your child demonstrate self-confidence - are they eager to complete work by themselves?
- Does your child monopolize adult time?
- Does your child have friends and can he/she interact with peers without confrontation?
- Is your child willing to share playmates?
- Does your child recognize colors, some shapes and some numbers?
- Is your child easily intimidated by older, larger or more aggressive children?
- Is your child well-behaved in public places?
- Does your child like to read?
- Does your child easily adjust to change?
- Is your child naturally curious?
- Has your child developed gross- and fine-motor skills?

What Should I do if I Feel My Child is Ready?



1. Contact your school principal to schedule an appointment prior to the end of the school year in order to complete an early entry assessment.



2. School personnel will observe and screen your child.



3. Evaluations will be conducted by the end of the school year and the school will notify parents of the decision.



What if My Child is Not Recommended for Early Entry?

Many factors are considered by the team of educators to enter kindergarten early. If it is decided that it would be in your child's best interest to delay entry, the following activities are recommended:

- Utilize the public library for both story hour and activity time.
- Read to your child daily.
- Have daily discussions with your child - ask questions and discuss the answers.
- Provide books, listen to recorded books, etc. Rhyming books are especially good.
- Provide scissors, paper, crayons, glue, etc. Allow your child to use them and clean up.
- Visit the zoo, children's museum, etc.
- Provide "building" toys (Lincoln logs, Lego's Magna-Tiles, etc.).
- Provide puzzles (25 - 50 pieces).

- Have your child help with simple cooking and household chores.
- Sort socks from laundry, sort silverware, etc.
- Help your child author and illustrate stories.
- Let your child plan and pack a lunch.
- Listen to your child's stories. Encourage him/her to talk.
- Allow your child to make decision.
- Limit TV time.
- Have one night a week with NO TV. Everyone reads.
- Play throw and catch with a large/small ball.
- Enter your child in preschool.
- Let your child participate in community activities (church, hall, synagogue, preschool, sports, etc.).

If you have questions regarding early kindergarten entry, please contact your school principal.