

Kindergarten Early Admission Policy

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For early admission the following items are required:

1. Written statement from both parents on why my child should be considered for early entrance.
2. Parents need to get a recommendation for early entrance from an early childhood professional.
3. Parents need to request the Special Education Director, to set up testing by a licensed school psychologist: Kaufman Assessment Battery for Children – score 125 or 95% and Achenbach Child Behavior checklist-parent rating – T-scores under 60 are within the average range.
4. After number one and two have been submitted the parent needs to request an observation by the kindergarten teacher or qualified school personnel of the child in the preschool setting.
5. After numbers one through 4 have been completed the parent needs to request a meeting of both parents, preschool teacher(s), superintendent, school psychologist and kindergarten teacher(s).
6. Assessment cost of school psychologist and substitute for kindergarten teacher or staff person will be incurred by the parents. Administrative override is possible based on financial eligibility. If a family is requesting financial assistance in following this policy, the family will be responsible for 70% of the costs provided proof of financial need is given to the district. This proof will be in the form of participation in a state or county program providing some type of monetary assistance.
7. Policies of other school districts are on file in the Superintendents office.
8. Birth certificate - To be considered for early entrance the child should be 5 on or before Nov. 1.
9. Applications may be made anytime after March 1 of the year the parent or guardian wishes the child to enter kindergarten and must be completed no later than May 1 of that year. No student would be admitted above the maximum limit of kindergarten students in a classroom. Priority would be given to children who are 5 on or before Sept. 1.

**Alden-Conger Public Schools
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Child's Name (Last, First, Middle): _____

Birthdate: _____ Sex: _____

Address: _____

I believe my child should be considered for early entrance because:

Date: _____ Parents/Guardians Signature: _____

Required Enclosures:

- ___ Copy of Birth Certificate
- ___ Immunization Records
- ___ Written recommendation for early entrance from an early childhood professional.
- ___ Psychologist / Substitute Teacher Fees

