

KINDERGARTEN READINESS ASSESSMENT

A. **Legal Basis.** Any child may register for kindergarten in the year in which the child's fifth birthday falls on or before August 1. *With District approval*, a child may register for kindergarten in the year in which his or her fifth birthday falls on or before September 15. Approval will be granted upon the District's determination, based on the child's kindergarten readiness assessment score, that the child is sufficiently mature to enter kindergarten. W.S. 21.4.302(b); District Policy JEB.

B. **Purpose.** This procedure sets forth the District's process for approving or denying requests to register a child for kindergarten in the year in which his or her fifth birthday falls on or before September 15.

C. **Early Entrance Request Procedures.**

- i. Parents/guardians wishing to register a child in kindergarten in the year in which the child's fifth birthday falls on or before September 15 shall complete the "Early Entrance Request" form found online at http://www.sweetwater1.org/student_registration on or before August 1 of the year in which they wish to enroll their child. This allows time for the District to complete the assessment prior to the start of the coming school year.
- ii. Upon receipt of a completed *Early Entrance Request*, the District will schedule your child's assessment. Your child must complete the entire assessment (both individual and group portions) to be considered. Assessments will take place June through August. You are responsible for ensuring your child attends their scheduled assessment. Failure to complete the assessment will result in a denied request.*
- iii. If your child is approved, you must register your student by completing the "New Student Registration" form found online at http://www.sweetwater1.org/student_registration and submit any additional documentation required by the District.

D. The Kindergarten Readiness Assessment

Upon receipt of an Early Entrance Request, the District will assess whether a child is sufficiently mature to be admitted to kindergarten through administering a kindergarten readiness assessment. Approval or denial of *Early Entrance Requests* will be based on a child's kindergarten readiness assessment score and observation. An overall scaled score will be calculated.**

The kindergarten readiness assessment is designed to capture a child's demonstrated foundational skills and behaviors that prepare them for instruction based on the District's kindergarten standards. The kindergarten readiness assessment will assess a child's growth and development in three main areas: Academic Readiness, Social/Emotional Foundations, and Physical Well-Being/Motor Development. The kindergarten readiness assessment may include questions that the child and parent answer, as well as direct observations, including where children are observed in a classroom setting while doing activities or interacting with peers.

When an assessed child demonstrates sufficient maturity to enter kindergarten, the District will inform the parent that the request has been approved and notify the parent of the child's school of enrollment. The District reserves the right of placement (District Policies JC, JC-R School Attendance Areas). The parent must then complete the registration process.

- * In its sole and absolute discretion, the District may take into consideration extenuating circumstances.
- ** Special consideration may be given to additional factors at the District's sole and absolute discretion.

LEGAL REFS.: W.S. 21.4.302(b)
 W.S. 21-3-110(a)(xxxviii)

CROSS REFS.: File JEB-R