

District Policy & Regulations

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DELAYED ENTRANCE TO 4-YEAR-OLD KINDERGARTEN (4K)

Four-Year-Old Kindergarten is designed for those children who turn 4 years of age by September 1st of the year in which the child is enrolling. The district will provide a developmentally appropriate 4K program for enrolled children.

Those children who are age-eligible for 5-year-old Kindergarten will not be permitted to enroll in 4K unless recommended to do so by a multidisciplinary team that has conducted an educational evaluation of the child's development in the areas of: Speech/Language, Motor Skills, Cognition, Adaptive, and Personal/Social Skills. The multidisciplinary team will consider all possible options for the child, including special education services or other educational interventions to meet the child's needs. Only when the team determines that delayed entrance is the best option for the child will a 5-year-old child be permitted to enroll in 4-Year-Old Kindergarten.

This policy also applies to requests to have children repeat 4-year-old kindergarten.

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