Early Entrance to Kindergarten Process

Definition:
Early entrance to kindergarten is the admission of a student to kindergarten who will not yet be five years old on or before September 1st of that school year. Parents may or may not be interested in having their child tested for early entrance to kindergarten. Only those parents who have children who meet the eligibility criteria below will be considered. Please note that having a child assessed does not automatically qualify them for an early entry to kindergarten.

Eligibility:
Any child whose birthday falls between September 2nd and October 31st, as documented by a certified copy of the birth certificate, is eligible for consideration. Children being considered must demonstrate attention, gross and fine motor skills, cooperative play, and expressive and receptive language that mirror that of children age-eligible for kindergarten.

Referral Procedure:
Any student residing in the District who meets the eligibility criteria may be considered for early entrance to kindergarten. The parent/guardian must complete the Early Entrance to Kindergarten Application no later than April 15th and testing must be completed and results received no later than June 1.

Deadlines:
The Early Entrance to Kindergarten process should begin no earlier than March 1 and must be completed no later than June 1. Any evaluations received by the Central Office after June 1 will not be accepted.

Process:
1. The parent/guardian should contact the building principal for the school that they will attend.
2. The building principal will e-mail a copy of the Early Entrance to Kindergarten Application to the parent and should schedule an appointment to meet with the parent/guardian.
3. The parent/guardian and the building principal will meet to review the Early Entrance to Kindergarten Application and the List of Considerations.
4. The building principal will complete the Early Entrance to Kindergarten Tracking form and will mail a copy to Hadley House, Attention: Curriculum & Instruction.
5. The building principal will provide the phone number to the Student Services Department who will connect the parent with a licensed school psychologist who will administer the early entrance to kindergarten assessment.
6. The parent/guardian will choose and secure an appointment for the evaluation. All costs associated with the evaluation will be covered by the parent/guardian.
7. The licensed school psychologist will complete the testing and provide the parent a copy of the evaluation. The original should be mailed to: 708 St. Louis Street, Edwardsville, IL 62025  Attn: Curriculum and Instruction. Results must be received no later than June 1.
8. District 7 Central Office Administration will review the results and make a determination on placement. All decisions are final.
9. A feedback conference will be held with the parent either by phone or meeting.