

Minnesota Early Learning Academy Procedure for Early Admission to Kindergarten (Child's 5th birthday after Sept. 1)

1. Parents/guardians must provide a copy of their child's Early Childhood Screening results, complete the [appropriate forms](#) and return them by **June 16, 2017**. All paperwork must be submitted by June 16, 2017 to be considered for early entrance. There are no exceptions. The screening team will review the submitted paperwork and extend invites to the next step in the process for all children that meet the minimum requirements by July 1, 2017.
2. Forms are available in two locations:
 - a. On site at Minnesota Early Learning Academy, 6717 85th Ave., Brooklyn Park, MN
 - b. [Minnesota Early Learning Academy Website](#)
3. Kindergarten teachers, special education staff and our school director will host an early entrance to kindergarten screening during the month of July for students to demonstrate they are ready to start kindergarten early. During the experience, students will rotate through stations used [to assess developmental skills](#) as well as to observe their participation in group activities. Students will also be given a Kindergarten Readiness assessment during their time at the school.

To be considered for early entrance students must:

- demonstrate socialization, adaptive, and behavioral skills more advanced than the majority of entering kindergartners, based upon results of a normative adaptive and behavior rating scale, parent report, and kindergarten teacher observations made during a simulated kindergarten experience
 - receive a status of "on target" or above on the Kindergarten Readiness Assessment
4. The team will report the recommendation of the screening to the MELA Director no later than **July 21, 2017**. If the child advances to probationary entrance status, the Parents/Guardians may decide to send the child to kindergarten early, or wait until the following fall. The Parents/Guardians should notify the director of their decision to enroll or not enroll no later than **July 28, 2017**.
 5. Children admitted to kindergarten through the early admission process are considered probationary to ensure the child will have a successful experience. The length of time would extend through the end of the first trimester. If it is apparent to the parent or school personnel in the first few weeks of school that the child's adjustment is not satisfactory, the director will be notified. The site team will be asked to review the experience of the child and make a final determination regarding probationary status. If the child is making satisfactory progress, as determined by the team, the probationary status is removed. If the child is not making satisfactory status, the child would be removed from the school setting at this time. Pre-school would be recommended. The following fall the five year old child would be enrolled as a kindergartener.