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## **551 EARLY ENTRANCE TO KINDERGARTEN (LOCAL POLICY)**

The parent of a child whose fifth birthday falls between September 1 and October 31 may request consideration for early admission for their child under the conditions described below:

1. The parent initiates the request with the school principal.
2. The principal will arrange a pretest interview involving the principal, the parent, and the child. The primary purpose of the interview is to assemble data about the child such as birth date, pre-school experience, and other information that might be needed in order to arrive at a decision.
3. A comprehensive evaluation will be conducted by a licensed school psychologist from Hiawatha Valley Education District (HVED). Evaluations shall determine the child's cognitive, social, and emotional development and the child's ability to meet kindergarten grade expectations and progress to first grade the following year.

Upon completion of the interview and evaluation(s), the principal and school psychologist will study the data and make a decision. The principal will report and interpret the findings to the parents, and relate the decision on acceptance or rejection of the child for early admittance.