



## Woodford County Schools Kindergarten Early Entry



Beginning with the 2017-2018 school year the entry age for students eligible for kindergarten changes to the student being 5 years old by August 1; whereas it previously was October 1. Per [KRS 158.030](#):

- *Beginning with the 2017-2018 school year, any child who is five (5) years of age, or who may become five (5) years of age by August 1, may enter a primary school program, as defined in KRS 158.031.*
- *Each local school board shall adopt a policy to permit a parent or guardian to petition the board to allow a student to attend public school who does not meet the age requirements of subsection (1) or (2) of this section. The policy shall include an evaluation process that will help determine a student's readiness for school.*

The Kentucky Department of Education provides additional guidance regarding eligibility for early entry:

*The local school board should develop a process that is consistent with Kentucky's school readiness definition and ensures children who are not age-eligible for kindergarten demonstrate readiness in all developmental domains (e.g., approaches to learning, health and physical well-being, language and communication development, social and emotional development, cognitive and general knowledge).*

*The process should include multiple measures of child's readiness for school. Multiple measures and sources are essential to making the best decision and are best practice. These measures include, but are not limited to the following: parent observation and input ; valid and reliable, research-based assessment of all early childhood domains; A list of general characteristics of children with high potential; common kindergarten readiness assessment (BRIGANCE© kindergarten screen).*

**Woodford County Schools works to serve the needs of students in the community beginning with ensuring students are provided the best foundation for success. To be eligible for Early Entry, with early entry being defined as a student who does not meet the age requirements as designated in KRS, a student must meet the following guidelines and follow the process described:**

- 1. Student must turn 5 on or before December 31 of the Kindergarten Entry Year.**
- 2. Application submitted expressing desire to be screened for Early Entry prior to June 1 preceding the year of entry.**
- 3. Demonstrate general academic readiness through meeting the criteria of "Kindergarten Ready" on academic measures using the BRIGANCE© kindergarten screen.**
- 4. Score in the 90th percentile or above on all 5 areas of the Developmental Indicators for the Assessment of Learning™, Fourth Edition. (DIAL™-4 five areas: Concepts; Motor; Language; Self-Help; Social-Emotional)**
- 5. Guardians complete a conference with district official to ensure full awareness of all known factors related to the guardian decision to pursue early entry.**