

R 11-3-3 Early Entrance into Kindergarten

The Preston County Board of Education recognizes that children grow and mature as individuals and at different rates. Therefore, it shall be the policy of this Board to test, upon parental request, those four year old children whose Birth date falls between September 1 and September 15 to determine if they have the social, emotional and intellectual maturity to warrant advance placement or early entrance into kindergarten.

The following regulations shall be followed in testing for pre-kindergarten age children whose fifth birthday falls between September 1 and September 15 to determine their readiness for early entrance into kindergarten:

- ❖ The parent(s) must submit a written request for early entrance screening. The request shall be submitted to the Director of Curriculum and Instruction and shall consist of the following information;
 - The child's full name;
 - Birth date;
 - Parents' full name (Both); and
 - Family address and telephone.
- ❖ The screening will be conducted by trained Preston County professional staff members;
- ❖ Deadline for screening completion;
 - Current county residents – Last Friday in April of the current year;
 - Out-of-county families moving to Preston County – July 1 of the current year.
- ❖ The testing battery will consist of the following:
 - Battelle Development Inventory (BDI) is a standardized assessment of key developmental skills of children from birth to eight years of age. The following **five** domains regarding child development shall be addressed:
 - Personal – Social;
 - Adaptive;
 - Motor (Gross and Fine);
 - Communication (Receptive and Expressive); and
 - Cognitive.
 - To qualify for early admission to the kindergarten program, a child must score **six** months or greater above his/her chronological age in **each** of the domains.
(WVC §18-5-18 and Blessing v. Mason County Board of Education)