



KINDERGARTEN ASSESSMENT

EARLY KINDERGARTEN ENTRANCE

The Nebraska Legislature has changed the law governing when children begin kindergarten in public schools. Starting in the 2012-13 school year, students may enter kindergarten if they turn five years of age on or before July 31, a date that was previously October 15. However, if your child was born between August 1 and October 15, he or she is eligible to participate in an assessment conducted by Lincoln Public Schools to determine possible early entrance to kindergarten.

COMMON QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Is my child eligible?

- Your child must turn 5 years of age between August 1 and October 15 (a certified birth certificate will be required). Children who are good candidates for this process are those who demonstrate academic achievement as well as social, emotional and physical maturity appropriate for kindergarten placement.

How do I have my child participate?

- You can obtain a brochure and an application from your neighborhood school starting January 30, 2012. You need to fill out an application and register with the neighborhood school at least one week prior to the beginning of each round of testing.
- Application and certified birth certificate will be due at the time of the registration. The birth certificate will be copied and returned
- There is no charge for the assessment.

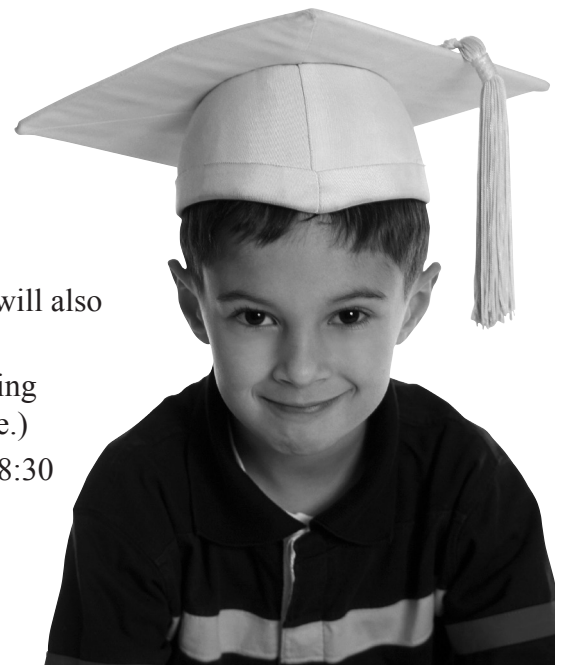
When, where and how will my child be assessed?

- Your child will be assessed on preacademic skills/cognitive skills and social/emotional development.
- Trained teachers will conduct the 45-minute assessment.
- When you register your child at your neighborhood school, you will also schedule the time and date of your child's assessment.
- The assessment will take place at the LPS Student Service Building (Hawthorne) at 300 S. 48th St. (Please use the northwest entrance.)
- Assessments for early kindergarten entrance will occur between 8:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. on the following dates:

March 12-16

Saturdays in April: April 14, 21 and 28

July 9-13





What will happen the day of testing?

- Your child should arrive at the LPS Student Services Building at the scheduled time. You will be asked to wait in the outer office while your child is taking the assessment. During this time, you will be asked to fill out a questionnaire.
- Parents will not be allowed to remain in the room while testing occurs.
- Administering the assessment will take 45 minutes.
- Parents will be notified of results/determination within three weeks.

How will I find out if my child is eligible for entrance to kindergarten?

- A letter will be sent with the results/determination no more than 3 weeks after the assessment.
- If the child is eligible for entrance, the parent makes the final decision to register the child for kindergarten. Even if a child is found eligible, he/she is not required to attend kindergarten this fall.

HIGHLIGHTS:

- Parents can obtain a brochure and an application from their child's neighborhood school.
- The parent turns in a completed application and certified birth certificate to the neighborhood school.
- While at the neighborhood school, the parent schedules the assessment during the registration process.
- The assessment is conducted with children at the LPS Student Services Building (*Hawthorne, 300 S. 48th St.*).
- The parent fills out a questionnaire while waiting for their child to be assessed.
- Parents are notified of results/determination within three weeks.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT

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