

CORDOVA PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Mt. Eccles Elementary
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EARLY ENTRANCE CRITERIA

State Law 14.02.080 – A child who is 5 years of age before September 1st following the beginning of the school year and who is under school age, may enter a public school kindergarten.

Step 1 To be considered for possible early entrance to kindergarten the child must turn 5 by October 31st.

When a child is referred for possible early entrance into Cordova Public Schools a screening procedure will be initiated to help determine if that child would benefit by an early entrance into school.

Step 2 As part of the screening procedure the parent(s) are required to meet with district representatives to discuss reasons for the early entrance request.

Step 3 The child must meet the following screening criteria:

1. Score in the 95th percentile or higher on the Test of Basic Concepts
2. Correctly respond to at least 19/20 test items on the General Information Section of the School Readiness Survey.

Step 4 If the child passes the above screening criteria, he/she may be admitted early to kindergarten. It is recommended that any child admitted early to kindergarten be re-evaluated at the end of 4 weeks to determine the appropriateness of the decision.

Note: As part of a student's Individualized Education Program (IEP) a child may be admitted early to school at any age. The Child Study Team will recommend the appropriate placement.