

2020

Washington County
Public Schools

Early Learning
Department



EARLY ADMITTANCE TO KINDERGARTEN APPLICATION

Prior to completing this application, please consider the following:

- Your child must turn five prior to Oct. 15, 2020.
- Historically, about 17% of the students that are assessed demonstrate Kindergarten readiness and are admitted early.
- Students must demonstrate both academic and social preparedness for Kindergarten.
- Skills assessed include: basic letter/number recognition, basic number sense, ability to count to 20, reading comprehension, identification of some basic sight words, name writing, appropriate on-task behaviors, ability to follow multiple-step directions, 2D and 3D shape recognition, concepts about print, developmentally appropriate physical ability, and early addition and subtraction awareness.

Upon reading this information, if you do not feel your child is prepared for kindergarten but exhibits some advanced skills, you may consider applying for our Advanced Learner Pre-K. Information can be found under the pre-kindergarten link at wcpssmd.com.

Testing Timeline:

Applications Accepted from **Jan. 2, 2020-June 5, 2020**

Testing Scheduled: **April 6, 2020-June 25, 2020 (Families will be called individually.)**

Applications received after June 5, 2020 will not be accepted.

Application for Early Admittance to Kindergarten

Department of Early Learning
Washington County Public Schools
10435 Downsville Pike
Hagerstown, MD 21740

If your child has a birth date that occurs between Sept. 2nd and Oct. 15th of 2020, and you feel your child demonstrates academic achievement, social, emotional, and the physical maturity for Kindergarten placement, please complete this application and return it to the address above.

<i>Child's Name</i>	
<i>Birthdate</i>	
<i>Address (Street, City, State, Zip Code)</i>	
<i>Gender</i>	
<i>School Your Child Will Attend for Kindergarten</i>	
<i>Parent/Guardian Name</i>	
<i>Parent/Guardian Phone Number</i>	
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Preschool Experience

Please list the preschools, prekindergarten, Head Start, child care center, special education program, and other day care program your child has attended. Include the dates of attendance and the approximate hours per week attended.

Name of School/Program	Dates of Attendance	#Hours/Week
_____	From ___/___/___, To ___/___/___	_____
_____	From ___/___/___, To ___/___/___	_____
_____	From ___/___/___, To ___/___/___	_____
_____	From ___/___/___, To ___/___/___	_____

I understand that the information provided may be used for possible early admittance to kindergarten, and that school officials may verify the information on this form. I also understand that my child may only be assessed once for early admittance to kindergarten.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date ___/___/___

Appeals: After testing occurs, a decision will be sent to you via U.S. mail within 10 business days. If you are not satisfied with the decision, you may request to have your child's assessment be further reviewed by our content team. Upon completion of that review, a final decision will be communicated from WCPS senior leadership staff.

Parent/Guardian Questionnaire

Directions: Please answer each question below.

1. Why do you think your child should be considered for early admittance to kindergarten?
2. Describe the behaviors or accomplishments that your child has demonstrated that denotes accelerated or advanced early development.
3. How does your child handle new situations or unfamiliar activity?
4. Describe how your child reacts to frustration or handles conflicts with others.
5. Describe chores and tasks your child does at home.
6. How does your child interact with other children? Explain how your child shares, takes turns, and cooperates with peers.
7. What do you see as the possible advantages of entering kindergarten a year early?
8. What do you see as the possible disadvantages of entering kindergarten a year early?

Please share any additional information that you feel would be helpful to our decision.

Parent/Guardian Checklist

Combinations of developmentally appropriate domains provide a framework for the instructional kindergarten program. This checklist will assist in determining your child's readiness for our kindergarten program. Please read each statement, and indicate your child's abilities as listed below by checking the appropriate column.

	Always	Frequently	Sometimes	Never
Social Foundations				
Respects people and property				
Manages emotions of self				
Has the ability to resolve conflict with others				
Works independently				
Follows multi-step directions				
Physical Well-Being				
Runs, jumps, and hops with balance and control				
Points, grasps, and holds pencil correctly				
Cuts with scissors independently				
Performs self-help tasks independently (Dressing, zipping, tying, toileting, etc.)				
Social Studies/Science				
Understands the need for rules				
Asks questions and shows interest in the world around him/her				
Mathematics				
Counts orally to 20				
Recognizes numbers to 10				
Understands more/less/equal				
Writes numerals 1-10				
Identifies 2D and 3D shapes				
Puts objects in order from smallest to largest, shortest to tallest				
Reading/Writing/Listening/Speaking				
Writes name				
Can identify letters out of order				
Uses letters to write words				
Can answer questions about stories				
Uses an extensive vocabulary				
Fine Arts				
Expresses ideas and experiences in drawing or painting				
Uses different materials to create different objects and designs				