

**Purpose**

The purpose of early admission to pre-k, kindergarten, or grade one, will be to provide an appropriate level of challenge for the student, adjust the pace of instruction to the student’s capabilities, and reduce the time period necessary for students to complete traditional schooling.

**Definitions**

Early Admission: Admission to pre-k, kindergarten, or grade one that does not use the September 1 cutoff date as the criteria for entry.

**Policy Statement**

The Allegany County Board of Education believes that young children who demonstrate capabilities that exceed the level of challenge typically presented in a prekindergarten or kindergarten, program should be provided the opportunity for early entry into the next grade level if their birthday is prior to October 15. Additionally, young children who have been identified through the Child Find process should be provided the opportunity to enroll in an age-appropriate prekindergarten program.

Therefore, the Board has established procedures whereby students who meet established criteria may be considered candidates for early admission.

<b>Legal Reference</b>			
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