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EARLY ADMISSION TO KINDERGARTEN

I. PURPOSE

School districts and charter boards are allowed to create an early admittance policy. Therefore, SciTech Academy Charter School has developed this policy to allow children whose 5th birthday occurs between September 1st and October 31st of the school year to attend.

SciTech Charter School acknowledges that some students who turn five between September 1st and October 31st may be ready to attend Kindergarten. Therefore, the Student (s) may be allowed to determine their readiness and enroll if their parent (s) and guardian's wishes.

II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY

Children who are not yet five years old on or before September 1 may be considered for early entrance to kindergarten. Minnesota Statutes, section 124D.02, sub1: allows for school boards to permit selected children for early admission into kindergarten if there is an early admission policy established by the school board. View the Minnesota Statute on early kindergarten entrance.

III. PROCEDURE

Parents wishing to enroll their child who turns five years old between September 1st and October 31st of the school year to be attended must follow the following procedures:

SciTech Academy adopted an early entrance policy that requires a comprehensive evaluation procedure to help determine the child's cognitive, social, and emotional development and ability to meet kindergarten expectations (under MN Kindergarten Standards) and progress to first grade the following year.

The comprehensive evaluation for early entrance into kindergarten:

1. Use valid and reliable instrumentation: assessments administrated include (A)Early Math- (Match Quantity, composing, numerical identification, number sequences) and (B) EarlyReading (Concepts of Print Onset Sounds, Letter Names, Letter Sounds.
2. Align with the Minnesota state kindergarten expectations.

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3. Include a parent report (oral or written) and teacher observations of the child's knowledge, skills, and abilities.

Requirements Steps for Early Admission to Kindergarten:

1. Students considered for early admission to Kindergarten must turn five years of age no later than **October 31**.
2. The student must demonstrate essential academic readiness and social-emotional development compared to peers.
3. The student may only be considered for early admission if met steps 1 & 2.

References:

Legal References: Minn. Stat. § 124E.11 (Admission Requirements)
Minn. Stat. § 124D.02 School board powers; enrollment. (2023 Minnesota statutes)