



FIRST GRADE EARLY ENTRANCE EVALUATION APPLICATION FORM

**Required by the State of Ohio for children who will be 6 years old
between October 1 and December 31 of this year**

PLEASE NOTE: Having your child enter school early is a serious decision. Parents who are considering application for early entrance should consider the issues listed below before making a decision that will have significant impact on the lives of their children.

Please check the boxes for each item to indicate that you have read and understand each.

- School entrance is an anxiety-provoking situation for the child and should not be taken lightly.
 - o Early entrance should not be the question, "Can my child succeed in school?" More importantly, "Will it be good for my child to be a year younger than classmates throughout his/her school career?"
 - o Stress in early school experiences can impair self-confidence which can cause lasting difficulty for children as they move through school into adulthood.
- Child development at ages five and six can be very uneven and typified by spurts in skills.
 - o For example, a child may not maintain a language spurt as he/she moves into school-age and other skills begin to emerge. *Thus, an extra year of development may provide a more evenly developed set of skills and more assurance of early school success.*
 - o Some children will be way ahead of others early in life, although the others will catch up at a later age.
 - o Most children will have more evenly matched abilities by ages seven or eight.
- Application for Early Entrance should be considered only if the child appears to be ten to twelve months above his/her actual age in **all** the following areas of development: intellectual, social, emotional, gross and fine motor coordination.
 - o The child must appear in all ways to be more than a year older than he/she is.
 - o Only 25 out of 100 students will meet this criterion.
- The vast majority of children develop knowledge, skills and confidence as foundations for learning and psychological development at a pace and sequence that is generally consistent with most others of their age. It can be highly stressful for children to be moved ahead with older students, even if they keep up academically.

Child's Name _____ Date of Birth ____/____/____ Male Female
 (Must be between October 1 and December 31) Check (✓)

Mother _____ Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Father _____ Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip Code _____

District School _____

Do you plan on sending your child to a magnet program? If so, which magnet program? _____

Explanation of why I feel my child would benefit from Early Entrance placement into First Grade:

CONSENT AGREEMENT: After carefully reading the above information, (*All items must be checked for application to be processed*), I am requesting an evaluation for my child for Early Entrance into First Grade and I give my permission for Cincinnati Public Schools to conduct an Early Entrance Evaluation.

 Parent Signature

 Date

Complete all items on the form and send it, along with a copy of your CHILD'S BIRTH CERTIFICATE to:

**LEAD PSYCHOLOGIST
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 EDUCATION CENTER
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