



Ohio Early Entrance to Kindergarten Guide

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Will your child be 5:	Procedural Information	Actions	Results
Before Aug. 1?	If your child turns 5 before Aug. 1, he or she is eligible for kindergarten. There is no need to request Early Entrance.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Contact the school your child will attend in order to enroll your child. 	Your child will begin school.
Between Aug. 1 and Sept. 30?	Your school district will choose one of these two dates as the cut-off date to enroll your child in kindergarten.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Find out which date your child's school uses. If your child's birthday falls before the cutoff, this is not Early Entrance. Contact your child's school in order to enroll. If your child's birthday falls after the cutoff, follow the steps for children born between Sept. 30 and Dec. 31. 	 
Between Sept. 30 and Dec. 1?	Each district develops its own procedures for screening children for Early Entrance in this age bracket. Your district will use its process and objective criteria to determine if Early Entrance is an appropriate placement for your child.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Contact the school your child will attend and make a request for Early Entrance. Ask for a copy of the district's Early Entrance policy. <i>* You may need to submit a written request addressed to the principal for your school to provide the assessment.</i> 	The results of the evaluation will give educators and parents some important information about the placement that is best for your child. The school will use this information to decide whether to admit your child early.
Jan. 1 or later?	If your child has a birthday on or after Jan. 1, the school will use the Iowa Acceleration Scale to evaluate him or her for an Early Entrance.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Consult your local school and request an evaluation for Early Entrance. Your school will set up an appointment to begin the testing that the Iowa Acceleration Scale requires. Ask for a copy of the district's Early Entrance policy. <i>* You may need to submit a written request addressed to the principal for your school to provide the assessment.</i> 	The results of the Iowa Acceleration Scale will give educators and parents some important information about the placement that is best for your child. The school will use this information to decide whether to admit your child early.