

## **Early Entrance to First Grade**

Central School District 301 supports early entrance to first grade for students who demonstrate advanced intellectual, academic and social-emotional skills as determined by the district administered assessments. District 301 has established procedures for requests for early entrance to first grade for students who display strong readiness competencies, who attended a non-public preschool and continued their education at that school through kindergarten, was taught in kindergarten by a certified teacher and will turn six years of age on or before December 31 of that school year. We recognizes that a child may be ready for first grade earlier than their chronological age or others based on their intellectual, academic and social-emotional abilities.

Parents who are considering having their child assessed for early entrance to Central D301's first grade program should review the following information. Requests must be made to the elementary building the student would attend no later than May 1st of the upcoming school year. The screening process for early entrance to first grade takes place in May each year. Please note the documents to be completed and deadline for submission.

### **Procedures for Early Entrance to First Grade**

1. The student must live within Central School District 301 boundaries **and** must meet the qualifications for early entrance to first grade based on the student's intellectual, social-emotional and academic abilities.
2. Parent(s) or guardian must submit the following information to the office of the elementary school the child would attend by **May 1st** of the upcoming school year in which they would be enrolled. If you are unsure as to which school your child will attend, contact the CUSD 301 Transportation Department at (847) 464-6052.
  - Proof of residency
  - Child's birth certificate
  - Child's initial registration and enrollment in D301 kindergarten
  - Proof of non-public school kindergarten education
  - [Early Entrance to First Grade Request Form](#)
3. The cost for the Early Entrance Admission testing is \$500. A non-refundable check can be made payable to Central CUSD 301. The check for Early Entrance to first grade testing must be submitted to the office of the elementary school the child would attend.
4. Following the submission of documents, payment and request form, the student will be scheduled for the early entrance screening at the elementary school they would attend.
5. Upon completion of the screening and development of the report by D301 psychologist, parents will meet with the elementary building principal to discuss the assessment results and eligibility for early entrance to first grade. A written notice will be mailed home outlining eligibility determination for early entrance to first grade.