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BLUFFVIEW MONTESSORI SCHOOL

POLICY 502 EARLY KINDERGARTEN ADMISSION

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to enable children who could substantially profit from the experiences to be enrolled in kindergarten earlier than normally possible.

II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY

The Board of Directors is granted latitude to establish an early admission policy for younger children. The early admission policy for Bluffview Montessori School is as follows:

- A. The parent of a child whose fifth birthday falls between September 2 and September 30 inclusive may request early admission of that child to kindergarten under conditions described herein.
 1. The parent initiates the request with Administration. All requests should be submitted by January 10. Parents will be notified regarding the dispensation of the request no later than January 31.
 2. A classroom visit will be arranged with a licensed Kindergarten teacher, followed by an interview with the teacher, the parent and the child. The primary purpose of the interview is to assemble data on the child, such as preschool experiences and other information which might be needed in order to arrive at an eventual decision for early admission.
 3. When steps 1 and 2 have been completed, a decision will be made regarding further evaluation by school personnel. The further evaluation shall determine the child's maturity, ability, and general readiness for kindergarten, and may include but not be limited to the cognitive area, social emotional behavior area, and sensory motor skill area. The school may use the following instruments to make a determination about the child's early entrance to kindergarten.
 - Parent/Teacher Recommendation Letter
 - Professional Achievement Testing

- School Readiness Survey

B. Upon completion of the evaluation, a report including objective and subjective components shall be created by administration and the Children's House teaching team. They will report the findings to the parent(s) in a conference, and relate their decision on early admission. *See Appendix A.*

Bluffview Montessori School Early Admission Kindergarten Readiness Checklist

Child _____

Birth date: _____

Parents: _____

Phone: _____

Address: _____

email: _____

_____ Birthday – statute 5 years old on or before September 1

early admission exception – birthday between September 2 and September 30

_____ Preschool screening documents

_____ medical hearing, vision, development _____ speech

_____ gross and fine motor skills _____ other

_____ ECFE documents, if available

_____ Preschool experience

_____ Preschool teacher input

_____ Social/emotional development analysis

_____ Reasons for early admission from parents

_____ School readiness survey

_____ Student observation

_____ separation _____ attention span _____ stays on task _____ social interaction _____ verbalization

_____ environmental adaptation _____ follows directions _____ academic readiness

_____ Results academic readiness screening: _____

_____ other....

Recommended for early admission

Yes

No

Comments: