

Exhibit A: Compulsory and Early Kindergarten Admissions

Compulsory Kindergarten and Early Admissions:

The School shall admit or evaluate children seeking admission to kindergarten in accordance with the following:

- A. The School shall admit a child to kindergarten if the child is five years of age prior to September 30 of the year of admittance.
- B. Notwithstanding the provisions provided below, for a child who does not meet the age requirements for mandatory admission to kindergarten, but who will be five years of age, prior to the January 1 of the year in which admission is requested, the School shall evaluate the child for early admittance in accordance with this policy, upon referral by the child's parent or guardian, an educator employed by the School, a preschool educator who knows the child, or a pediatrician or psychologist who knows the child. Following such evaluation, the Board or its designee shall make a decision as to whether to admit the child.
- C. For purposes of this policy, the Board-designated evaluation procedure will consist of an Ohio Department of Education approved readiness test administered to a prospective kindergartner by the Board's designee, and the minimum score for early admissions shall be a score of 270, or as otherwise may be required by the Ohio Department of Education.
- D. Students who turn 5 on or after January 1st will be admitted in accordance with the school's acceleration policy.
- E. First Grade eligibility shall be based on the admissions, promotion and retention policies of the School.

Legal Reference:

Am. Sub. Senate Bill (SB) 316 (effective September 24, 2012)

Am. Sub. House Bill (HB) 59 (effective September 29, 2013)

Ohio Revised Code (ORC) Sections 3314.03, 3314.08, 3321.01 and 3324.10