

# *Early Entrance Testing Into Kindergarten For Students Who Are Not Five Years Old By August 1<sup>st</sup>*

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Thank you for your interest in having your child evaluated for early entrance status into kindergarten. Please complete the documents enclosed with this correspondence and return them with a copy of your child's birth certificate and a copy of a document verifying you are a resident of the Stow-Munroe Falls City School District. This could be a copy of a rental agreement, mortgage, or utility bill showing you reside at that location.

The district's board policy states that to be considered for early entrance to kindergarten, a student must be evaluated using an acceleration process approved by the Ohio Department of Education. A meeting will be conducted with you and other members of the acceleration evaluation committee following the evaluation to discuss the results of the evaluation and inform you of the committee's decision. If appropriate, the nature of the district's kindergarten program will also be discussed with you at that time.

Please return all documents to my office at the Board of Education for consideration of your child's enrollment into kindergarten. A district's school psychologist will contact you to set up a time convenient for the evaluation. The deadline for accepting all applications for early entrance into kindergarten for the 2017-2018 school year is August 2, 2017. There are no exceptions.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

*Marty E. Saternow*

Marty E. Saternow, Ph.D.  
Director of Special Services

Attachments:

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**Stow-Munroe Falls City School District**  
**EARLY ENTRANCE TESTING APPLICATION (Kindergarten)**  
**2017 - 2018 School Year**

*(Stow-Munroe Falls City School District does not discriminate based on sex, race, national origin or religion)*

TODAY'S DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF STUDENT:

\_\_\_\_\_  
(First) (Middle) (Last) (Nickname if any)

BIRTHDATE Month \_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_ SEX Male Female (circle one)

BIRTHPLACE CITY/STATE/COUNTRY \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP CODE \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
FATHER OR GUARDIAN NAME AND OCCUPATION, PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT PHONE NO.

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MOTHER OR GUARDIAN NAME AND OCCUPATION, PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT PHONE NO.

PRIMARY LANGUAGE OF STUDENT SPOKEN IN THE HOME \_\_\_\_\_

PREVIOUS SCHOOL EXPERIENCES \_\_\_\_\_  
List by schools/dates. (Nursery, Day Care, Head Start, Church School, etc.)

\_\_\_\_\_  
NAMES AND AGES OF BROTHERS AND SISTERS

**AUTHORITY FOR PROOF OF BIRTH:**

BIRTH CERTIFICATE: \_\_\_\_ CITY/COUNTY/STATE \_\_\_\_\_

PASSPORT: \_\_\_\_ COUNTRY \_\_\_\_\_ EXPIRATION DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

VERIFIED BY: \_\_\_\_\_

IF ADMITTED, CHILD WOULD BE ENROLLING IN: E F H I R W ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.



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**REASONS WHY MY SON/DAUGHTER SHOULD BE ADMITTED TO KINDERGARTEN THIS YEAR:**

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Please return application materials to:

Office of Special Services  
Attention: Early Entrance Application to Kindergarten  
4350 Allen Road  
Stow, OH 44224



Stow-Munroe Falls City School District
EARLY ENTRANCE TO KINDERGARTEN ASSESSMENT
2017 - 2018 School Year
PARENT PERMISSION FORM

(Stow-Munroe Falls City School District does not discriminate based on sex, race, national origin or religion)

TODAY'S DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF STUDENT:

(First) (Middle) (Last) (Nickname if any)

BIRTHDATE Month Day Year SEX Male Female (circle one)

BIRTHPLACE CITY/STATE/COUNTRY \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP CODE \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

I, (please print your name), \_\_\_\_\_
am giving consent for my child to be considered and evaluated for early entrance to kindergarten by the Stow-Munroe Falls City School District staff.

The following assessments will be used as components of the IOWA-Acceleration Scale, 3rd Edition, (an instrument required by the Ohio Department of Education and adopted by the Stow-Munroe Falls City School District):

- The Wechsler Preschool Primary Scale of Intelligence IV;
The Woodcock Johnson Achievement Test III or Age-Appropriate Subtests from Wechsler Individual Achievement Test-Fourth Edition;
The Ages and Stages Questionnaire;
The Social-Emotional Questionnaire.

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The district's school psychologist will contact you to set up a time convenient for the evaluation.

Parent Authorization and Agreement Date

Parent Address Daytime Telephone Number

# Kindergarten Readiness Checklist

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To do well in school, children need to be supported and nurtured in all areas of development.

It is also important that your child is physically, socially and emotionally ready for school. This checklist can help serve as your guide. But please remember, young children change so fast! If they cannot do something this week, you may see them do it a couple of weeks later.

Is your child ready for kindergarten? Ask yourself these questions:

## Physical Skills

Does your child...

- enjoy outdoor play such as running, jumping, and climbing;
- draw and trace basic shapes;
- cut with scissors;
- bounce a ball; or
- ride a tricycle?

### TIPS TO HELP YOUR CHILD WITH PHYSICAL SKILLS

Materials that will help your child develop the motor skills needed to learn to write include crayons, markers, pencils, glue, scissors, paper and paint, puzzles, legos and blocks.

Activities that will help your child's coordination include climbing, jumping, skipping, playing ball, using playground equipment and riding a tricycle.

## Health and Safety Needs

Has your child...

- had required shots;
- had a dental exam;
- had a vision exam;
- learned own first and last name;
- learned first and last name of parent;
- learned to watch for cars when crossing the street;
- learned to not talk to strangers;
- developed a set routine for going to bed;
- follow rules for safety?

## **TIPS TO HELP YOUR CHILD WITH HEALTH AND SAFETY NEEDS**

Help your child learn their full name, address and telephone number.

Help your child to look both ways when crossing the street.

Talk with your child about strangers and who to go to for help.

Use bedtime as the opportunity to read to and talk with your child.

## **Personal Needs**

Without your help, can your child ...

use the bathroom;

wash hands;

brush teeth;

use tissue to blow nose;

button and zip up shirts and pants;

put on and take off coat;

tie and/or velcro shoes?

## **TIP TO HELP YOUR CHILD WITH PERSONAL NEEDS**

Create morning and bedtime bathing and tooth-brushing routines.

Allow your child to dress themselves.

Practice putting shoes on.

Help your child learn to use their words to tell other grownups when they are feeling sick or hurt.

## **Social and Emotional Skills**

Does your child...

play well with other children;

separate from a parent without being upset;

share with other children;

care about the feelings of others;

follow routines;

put toys away when asked?

## **TIPS TO HELP YOUR CHILD WITH SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL SKILLS**

Give your child small chores to learn responsibility.

Help your child learn to follow directions by giving simple steps.

Encourage your child to share.

Praise your child when he or she does something well.

Provide guidance when your child is having difficulty.



## TIMELINE FOR EARLY ENTRANCE INTO KINDERGARTEN 2017 ~ 2018 School Year

- Week of January 16<sup>th</sup>: Applications Posted Online
- January 23<sup>rd</sup> ~ August 2<sup>nd</sup>: Applications submitted to Office of Special Services
- August 2<sup>nd</sup>: **Deadline** for submitting **ALL** Early Entrance into Kindergarten Applications for the 2017 School Year **(No applications will be accepted after this date)**.

### Please Return Applications To:

Office of Special Services  
Stow-Munroe Falls City School District  
4350 Allen Road  
Stow, OH 44224  
Telephone Number: (330) 689-5430

Evaluations will be completed in mid-May through June 6<sup>th</sup>  
**(ALL applications received between January 23<sup>rd</sup> and June 3<sup>rd</sup>)**;

- August 10<sup>th</sup>: Deadline for evaluations to be completed **(all applications received between June 11<sup>th</sup> and August 2<sup>nd</sup>)**;
- August 10<sup>th</sup>: Deadline for the completion of acceleration committee meetings;
- August 12<sup>th</sup>: Deadline for written notification of outcome of the evaluation process;
- August 15<sup>th</sup>: Deadline for submitting a written appeal to the Superintendent regarding the outcome of the evaluation process.

### Note:

Very few children qualify for early entrance to kindergarten. Please make sure you proceed with child care arrangements as a contingency. You will not be permitted to complete an enrollment application for kindergarten for your child until he/she meets the eligibility criteria for kindergarten as agreed upon by the acceleration committee.