

502 EARLY ADMISSION

I. **PURPOSE**

Stonebridge World School strives to provide necessary services to children in accordance with the law. By following these admission procedures we hope to make the most appropriate placement of each student.

II. **KINDERGARTEN**

State law requires that Kindergarten students must attain the age of five years on or prior to September 1 of the enrollment year unless the local school board has adopted a policy for early enrollment in select cases. At Stonebridge World School early enrollment consideration is available for children with birthdays between September 2 and September 30. Students will have to complete the Appeal Process.

Early enrollment is a big decision for most families. The early enrollment option is intended for children with fall birthdays who have demonstrated a readiness to be successful as grade-accelerated students throughout their entire K-12 schooling experience. Since your child's school success is extremely important to us, we encourage careful consideration of both the benefits and disadvantages of the early entrance option.

A. PROCEDURE FOR APPEAL

- a. A letter of recommendation from a childcare or preschool program is submitted.
- b. An early childhood screening must be completed.
- c. The Stonebridge World School early entrance assessment must be completed.
- d. The Stonebridge World School Instructional Leadership Team will then decide whether to allow the child to enter kindergarten.

B. PLACEMENT DECISIONS

If the student is admitted to kindergarten early, by October 30th, the teacher and Stonebridge World School School Director will recommend to parents in writing whether the placement in kindergarten should continue or be terminated. If the recommendation is that the child will not continue in kindergarten the child will be un-enrolled on October 30th. If it is determined that the child remains in kindergarten on October 30th the parent must sign an agreement that allows the teacher and staff to make the decision to have the student repeat kindergarten if needed. If the parent does not sign the agreement the student will not be eligible for first grade at Stonebridge World School.

III. **FIRST GRADE**

A. FIRST GRADE ADMISSION OF CHILDREN NOT PREVIOUSLY IN SCHOOL

If a child is six years old on or before September 1 of the present year, the child should be placed in first grade unless there are some obvious signs of immaturity.

B. UNDERAGE CHILDREN PREVIOUSLY IN SCHOOL, ENTERING STONEBRIDGE WORLD SCHOOL FOR THE FIRST TIME

Children who have attended kindergarten for a year in public or nonpublic school may be admitted directly to the first grade even though they are underage according to our admission policy.

IV. **PRE-KINDERGARTEN**

Stonebridge World School is a 4 year old Pre-Kindergarten Program. Students must be 4 years of age by September 1st of the school year. Students also need to be toilet trained, unless part of a 504 Plan or IEP.

V. **ALL STUDENTS**

All students are required to present a birth certificate or other evidence of birth date before they are enrolled.

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