

FAQs

Q: What is Huntley 158's early entrance policy?

A: The District's full admissions policy is listed on its website in Section 7:50 under "Board Policies" in the Board of Education Tab. The District follows Illinois School Code in requiring kindergarten students to be at least five years of age. However, limited exceptions may be made following the procedures and guidelines outlined in this brochure.

Q: How many children are eligible for early entrance each year?

A: While there is no set limit, the District generally screens only a small number of students for early entrance, and from that group, only a small number qualify.

Q: Who makes the decision whether my child is eligible?

A: The early entrance team will make the final decision based upon testing results and other eligibility indicators. *Decisions of the early entrance team are final and may not be appealed.*

Our Kindergarten Schools

Chesak Elementary (K-2)

10910 Reed Road
Lake in the Hills, IL 60156
(847) 659-5700

www.huntley158.org/chesak

Leggee Elementary (K-5)

13723 Harmony Road
Huntley, IL 60142
(847) 659-6200

www.huntley158.org/leggee

Mackeben Elementary (K-2)

800 Dr. John Burkey Dr.
Algonquin, IL 60102
(847) 659-3400

www.huntley158.org/mackeben

Find your school at

www.huntley158.org/boundaries



Huntley Community School
District 158

650 Dr. John Burkey Dr.
Algonquin, IL 60102

www.huntley158.org/curriculum/gifted

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COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT 158

Early Entrance to Kindergarten



Information and
Procedures



Early Entrance Information

As dictated by Illinois School Code, children enrolling in kindergarten in Huntley Community School District 158 must be 5 years of age by September 1 of the year they are entering kindergarten.

However, Huntley 158 recognizes that in select cases, children who demonstrate skills and maturity significantly higher than an average kindergarten student may benefit from beginning kindergarten prior to the typical age of 5.

To accommodate these children, the District has outlined specific eligibility guidelines and procedures to consider requests for early enrollment to kindergarten. Those criteria and procedures are listed on the following pages.

Please note that there are no definitive criteria that guarantee a student will succeed in an early entrance environment. Rather, the District will consider several factors and work with families to determine the best choice for the student.

Even children who meet all the prescribed guidelines potentially face challenges stemming from their relative physical, social, or emotional immaturity. For these reasons, Huntley 158 typically screens only a small number of children for potential early entrance each year, with only a small number of them qualifying.

Eligibility Criteria

To help ensure that students being considered for early entrance will be positioned for success, Huntley 158 has developed a set of standard criteria for eligibility:

Age/Birth Date

- Proof of birth date required via a certified copy of birth certificate

Physical and Social-Emotional Skills

- Demonstrated attention, gross motor, and fine motor skills
- Demonstrated aptitude in cooperative play, expressive and receptive language skills
- All aptitude areas must fall in the very superior range

Intelligence

- The child must score well above average when compared to national percentile ranks on academic assessments.

Procedures

1. Between March 1 and May 5, parents must meet with the principal of the school the child will attend to discuss potential early entrance
2. If parents wish to continue the process, they must complete a Application for Early Entrance to Kindergarten form (7:50-F1), including an application, readiness checklist, and parent questionnaire
3. Parents must return the form along with a certified copy of the child's birth certificate to the principal by May 15
4. Huntley 158 will administer an initial screening exam. Parents will receive feedback on the test results.
5. After reviewing results, if parents wish to continue the process, the child must complete an approved achievement exam through an outside agency.
6. Parents will be invited to a conference with the early entrance team to review test results and discuss eligibility.
7. The early entrance team will issue the final decision.