

**Barbour County Policy**  
**EARLY ENTRANCE INTO KINDERGARTEN**

**1.0 PURPOSE**

Barbour County Schools recognizes the need to provide opportunities to students who are developmentally advanced to begin kindergarten prior to age 5.

**2.0 SCOPE**

- 2.1** Barbour County Schools provides kindergarten programs for all children who shall have attained the age of 5 prior to July 1st of the school year in which the pupil enters such kindergarten programs.
- 2.2** Students who become age 5 on July 1st, or whose birthday falls between July 1 and October 1 of that school year are eligible for consideration for early entrance into kindergarten.
- 2.3** With the exception of three year olds identified with special needs and having a current IEP, no student shall be considered for early entrance into Pre-Kindergarten.

**3.0 RESPONSIBILITY**

- 3.1** The Superintendent or his/her designee shall be responsible for the implementation of this policy.
- 3.2** The Superintendent or his/her designee shall develop procedures to ensure the following:
  - 3.2.1** Provide early entrance criteria & information to parents upon request;
  - 3.2.2** Identify assessments and other information/documentation that determine early entrance Kindergarten placement;
  - 3.2.3** Provide for timelines that shall be met to ensure timely placement of early entrance Kindergarten students.

**LEGAL AUTHORITY:** WV Code §18-5-18; 18-8-1a  
Barbour County Schools Policy 8210

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