



## Lake Washington School District Early Entrance to Kindergarten FAQ

**When are the screening dates?** There will be two screening dates in the spring and an additional screening in August for families that are new to the district

**Where will the screening take place?** The tests will be administered at the LWSD Resource Center, 16250 NE 74<sup>th</sup> St., Redmond, WA 98052 (in Redmond Town Center).

**When will I know the results of the screening?** Within two weeks of the screening parents will be notified as to whether their student is invited to take a complete assessment.

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**When will I know the results of the testing?** Test results will be mailed to parents and the neighborhood school two weeks after the last test date.

**When will I be able to register my child in kindergarten?** You may **not** register your child until they have passed the testing process.

**What areas are tested? Does my child need to read and write?** We test in six areas, Gross Motor, Fine Motor, Visual Discrimination, Auditory discrimination, Cognitive, and Child Development. No, they do not need to read and write. We are testing to see if they are developmentally at a 5 year old level.

**What can I do to prepare my child for the tests?** There is no studying for the tests; it is a developmental readiness test.

**What percent of children tested pass?** Approximately 10% tested pass, the majority of those children having September or early October birthdays.

**What is the birthday cutoff for testing?** Children must turn five between September 1 and November 30 to participate in the Early Entrance screening.

**Who does the testing?** We have a school psychologist testing the children.

**How long does the testing process take?** The testing process takes approximately 1-1 ½ hours. The parents will not be allowed in the testing rooms.

**How much does the testing cost?** \$25.00 for the screening. There is an additional testing fee of \$100 for students that are invited to complete the full assessment.

**Where do I get the application?** You may download an application from our district website at [www.lwsd.org](http://www.lwsd.org), or you may call the Early Entrance office at (425) 702-3316 to request an application be mailed.

**What if I do not live in the Lake Washington School District attendance area?** You may not take the test unless you live in the Lake Washington School District attendance area and have a current address.

**What is the cutoff date for registering for kindergarten?** Children need to be 5 on or before August 31<sup>st</sup>.

**What can I do if my child does not pass?** You may meet with the administrator of the testing process to review the results, however we do not have an appeal process. All decisions are final.

**Do you provide a translator for my child?** For an adult in the family who wishes to be able to understand the conference, we will provide a tutor. The test will be given in English, as our kindergarten classes are in English, an interpreted test will not help us determine if the child is ready to enter the English only environment early.

**If my child attends a private kindergarten can they then go into the public school?** Our district policy is: Underage children who have previously been enrolled in a state approved private school which encompasses at least a kindergarten through a grade 3 program for a period of not less than four consecutive months, may request transfer into a similar placement in Lake Washington School District. The school principal/team will access the student's academic and social readiness and determine whether the student skills are age appropriate for a particular grade level.

**I would like my child to attend 1<sup>st</sup> grade early?** We do not test for early entrance to 1<sup>st</sup> grade.

# **Lake Washington School District**

Early Entrance Kindergarten (EEK)

Evaluation Assessment Areas

## **Cognitive:**

This area looks at the child's ability to recognize and name pictures and also addresses making comparisons and relationships.

## **Social/Emotional:**

This is the checklist that all parents complete.

## **Gross Motor:**

This area looks at the large motor skills and looks at children's ability to use their large muscles in completing a series of requested tasks.

## **Fine Motor:**

This area looks at the small motor skills that are pre-requisites to writing. The child is asked to complete tasks using their small motor skills and is timed on this test.

## **Visual Discrimination:**

This is an area that looks at the child's ability to discriminate between figures. This is a skill that is used in reading, writing and math.

## **Auditory Discrimination:**

This is an area that looks at the child's ability to discriminate between words that are presented orally.



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Application for Early Entrance to Kindergarten Evaluation

Students Name:                      Last    First    Middle		
Female:	Male:	Date of Birth:
Parent/Guardian Name:		
Address:                      Street    City    Zip		
Phone: Home	Phone: Cell	Phone: work
Email:	Best method of contact:	
List Preschool Experience (Below)		
Name of School	City	Number of Years
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School Child will be attending if admitted:		

**Please enclose the \$25 non-refundable screening fee  
(Make checks payable to Lake Washington School District)  
Checks can be mailed to:  
Early Entrance Office, LWSD Resource Center, PO Box 97039, Redmond, WA 98073-9739**

Request for fee reduction or waiver (Please fill out and attach our application for free/reduced lunch)

**Signature of Parent or Guardian:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

For Internal Use Only	
_____ Date received	_____ Schedule Assessment (y/n)
_____ Check no.	_____ Assessment fee check no.
_____ Screening Date	_____ Assessment Date