

*Libertyville Elementary Schools  
District 70*

**First Grade Early Entrance Policy**

Libertyville School District #70 recognizes that under unique circumstances certain children demonstrate an ability to succeed in first grade even though they will not be six years of age prior to September 1. In these cases, first grade placement will be considered **only if all of the following criteria have been met:**

1. The child will reach the age of six years **before December 31** of the school year for which first grade placement is requested;
2. The child has successfully completed a **Kindergarten curriculum** in either a private or public school;
3. Proof of completion of an appropriate kindergarten curriculum is documented on official District 70 forms by staff member(s) of that school, and these records are provided to District 70 prior to the first day of school;
4. A formal request for such a first grade placement is made, **in writing**, by the parent or guardian;
5. The child successfully completed the District 70 Early Childhood Screening, indicating that no developmental delays are apparent; and
6. A conference with the parent or guardian is held to discuss the advantages and disadvantages of such a placement.  
At this conference a recommendation for appropriate placement will be made based on the above criteria. A first grade placement can occur **only if the parent or guardian agrees to the following:**

A. The child's academic and social-emotional progress in first grade will be closely monitored for four to six (4-6) weeks; and

B. At the conclusion of this time period a conference with the parent or guardian will be held to discuss the child's progress, or lack thereof, and to ascertain whether the child should continue in first grade or be placed in the district's Kindergarten Program.

If the request is made during the first quarter of the school year, the child will be temporarily placed in kindergarten until school records can be obtained. Upon receipt of the school records a conference with the parent/guardian will be held. A recommendation for appropriate placement will be made at that time, based on the procedures described above.