

Nova Classical Academy Early Admission to Kindergarten Policy

State law requires that Kindergarten students must attain the age of five prior to September 1 of the enrollment year, unless the local school board has adopted a policy for early enrollment in select cases. The Board of Nova Classical Academy has adopted such a policy because the school recognizes that there may be a child who would benefit from beginning school at Nova at an age younger than five. In order to be eligible for early admission consideration, all of the following requirements must be met prior to the admission lottery date. If all requirements are not met by the admission lottery date, the child will not be included in the admission lottery.

Requirements to apply for Early Admission include the following:

- 1) Nova Classical Academy requires that the child must undergo a comprehensive psychological and developmental evaluation performed by a licensed psychologist or school psychologist. The child must achieve a measured score in the superior range (i.e. at least 2.0 Standard Deviations above the mean score for the assessment instrument used) on a nationally-normed standardized intellectual assessment test appropriate for 3 to 5 year olds such as:

Wechsler Preschool Primary Scales of Intelligence (3rd Edition),
Stanford-Binet Intellectual Assessment Scale (5th Edition),
Stanford-Binet, Form L-M
Reynolds Intellectual Assessment Scales,
Kaufman Assessment Battery for Children (2nd Edition), or
Differential Ability Scales – Preschool Form

The child must be recommended for admission by the psychologist. The parent/guardian is solely responsible for the cost of this evaluation.

- 2) The child must have attended a formal preschool or other non-home educational setting and must be recommended by the staff of this other program for early admission to Kindergarten through our short questionnaire about the child's development. The child's teacher must complete Nova Classical Academy's Child Development Questionnaire. The parent should give the questionnaire to their child's teacher with a stamped addressed envelope so that the teacher can return the questionnaire directly to Nova Classical Academy.
- 3) The child must be physically and developmentally capable of the demands and activities of the school day (i.e. toilet, lunch, physical education routines, following a sequence of directions, etc.) Nova Classical Academy may ask the parent to provide physician certification for this capability.
- 4) The child must undergo a skills and developmental screening based on the curriculum of our Kindergarten program. Nova Classical Academy is looking for 70-80% mastery of Nova Kindergarten benchmarks in order to approve early admission.

Decisions regarding eligibility for the admissions lottery will be made by the Head of School, the school psychologist, and the Kindergarten teacher(s). **The decision of the Head of School is final.**

Parents/Guardians will be required to sign agreement to the above terms at the time they apply for Early Admission to Kindergarten.