



Early Admission to Kindergarten Guidelines Parent Acknowledgement Form

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. If you are considering or requesting early Kindergarten admission for your child, please read the following guidelines and requirements carefully. 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, your child will not be included in the admission lottery.

Requirements to apply for Early Admission are as follows:

1) Nova Classical Academy requires that your 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-old children 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

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

2) Your 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 your child's development. (Your child's teacher must complete the *Child Development Questionnaire*. Please give the questionnaire and a stamped addressed envelope to the teacher so that he/she can return the questionnaire directly to Nova Classical Academy.)

3) Your 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.) We may ask you to provide physician certification for this capability.

4) Your child must undergo a skills and developmental screening based on the curriculum of our Kindergarten program. We are looking for 70-80% mastery of Nova Kindergarten benchmarks in order to approve early admission.



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

Note: All decisions for Early Admission to Kindergarten are provisional (i.e. on a trial basis). If it is later determined by the faculty and the administration that the early admission is not resulting in a successful outcome, placement at Nova Classical Academy may need to be reconsidered.

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

I have read the guidelines and requirements for **Early Admission** at Nova Classical Academy.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

Mailing Address _____

Phone Number _____

Email Address _____

Child's Name _____

Please return signed form to Nova Classical Academy. Thank you.

Nova Classical Academy

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