

SCOTTSLUFF PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Scottsbluff, Nebraska

ENTRANCE - ADMISSION

Scottsbluff Schools Early Kindergarten Admission Procedure

Children will need to be 5 years of age on or before July 31 in order to enter kindergarten in the fall. Parents whose child's birthdate is on or after August 1st or on or before October 15th must wait until the following school year for kindergarten, or seek early admission.

Parents who seek early admission can obtain the necessary paperwork from the Scottsbluff Central Office. The forms must be completed and returned to the Scottsbluff Central Office no later than March 1 of the requested entrance year. Upon receipt of the paperwork the following procedure will be initiated:

1. Initial Parent Interview
2. Review of application (recommendation from current child care setting, if available)
3. Early Kindergarten admission assessments* will be scheduled and administered by district personnel at no cost to parents.
4. Observation of child at assessor's discretion
5. Assessment results with written recommendation regarding kindergarten placement.
6. Results provided to parents and placement discussed.

The ESU 13 Regional consortium reviewed assessments for the purpose of Early Kindergarten Admission. As part of the consortium, Scottsbluff Public Schools has chosen to use these assessments:

- BASC-2 ~~Behavioral and Emotional Screening System (BASC-2 BESS)~~
- Young Children's Achievement Test (YCAT)

Requirements:

- A child eligible for early Kindergarten entrance would require a score equal to or higher than the ~~80th percentile for a child 5 years 0 months on the YCAT.~~ **110 standard score.**
- Scottsbluff Public Schools would also take at-risk and/or clinically significant scores on the BASC-2 into consideration before allowing eligibility admission.
- An observation day (up to 3 hours) may be requested and if so, parents may be asked to bring their child to one of the elementary schools for a period of time or to allow observation in their current childcare setting.
- A letter will be requested from the child's daycare, preschool or other regularly attended child care environment detailing the strengths and weaknesses of the child and providing information supporting a decision for early admissions.

The final decision regarding entrance will be made by the student services director with recommendations from the assessor(s). Parents may appeal this decision to the Superintendent, whose decision will be final.