

Policy: Early Entrance into Kindergarten

Parents who want to have their child considered for early admission to Kindergarten must submit testing results that indicate the child is ready for a Kindergarten curriculum. The Archdiocese of Baltimore will only accept results from the *Brigance Early Childhood Screen III* ages 4.0-4.11 for early admission consideration. An acceptable score on these tests does not guarantee admission, as a variety of factors are considered in making a determination. It is important to use additional measures, such as child observations and/or interview to help make the final determination. After careful consideration, the principal makes the final decision.

Process:

- 1) Parents/caregivers request testing for early admission into Kindergarten.
- 2) In order to be considered for testing, the child must be at least 4 years and 6 months of age at the time of testing, and born between September 1st and November 1st.
- 3) Schools administer the Brigance Early Childhood Screen III to the prospective student according to their own schedule.
- 4) Using the Technical Report for the Brigance Screen as a guide, the following domain scores will serve as the minimum scores required for consideration for early acceptance into Kindergarten.
 - Language: 40
 - Motor: 12
 - Academic: 31
 - Students must meet or exceed each median domain score in order to be considered for early admission.
- 5) In order to be considered, the results from any acceptable test can be no older than 4 months.
- 6) Decisions regarding early admission into Kindergarten should be provided in writing within one week of test administration.
- 7) Parents/caregivers should be charged the standard application fee billed to all other prospective families.