

Academic Acceleration for Advanced Learners Referral Form-Early Entrance to Shawnee Elmwood Primary School

ABOUT EARLY ENTRANCE

A unique type of whole-grade acceleration is early entrance to school (i.e. kindergarten). For academically talented and young children, early entrance to school may be an excellent option. There is abundant evidence that bright children who are carefully selected for early entrance generally perform very well, both academically and socially. (A Nation Deceived: How Schools Hold America's Brightest Students, 2004)

REFERRAL FOR:

Child's Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Type of Acceleration Requested:

- **Early Entrance to Kindergarten (requirement: student is age 5 by January 1)**
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What to look for in areas of ability/behavior/physical & social development?

- Is very good at working puzzles or solving problems
 - Academically performs well above same age peers (one to two years above)
 - Concentrates on certain activities much longer than other children his/her age
 - Reads stories
 - Participates in extracurricular activities such as sports, dance, library, museum programs, Girl/Boy Scouts
 - Has average fine and large motor coordination (holding a pencil, skipping)
 - Thoughtfully considers feedback and criticism and modifies behavior appropriately, (including from an adult in a teaching role).
 - Has good interpersonal skills with age-mates, as well as with older and younger children and with adults
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I believe my child exhibits a number of characteristics listed above that indicates s/he would benefit from entering Kindergarten in the upcoming school year.

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____