



**Flossmoor School District 161**  
21st Century Learners Today, Leaders Tomorrow

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Dear Parent/Guardian:

Early development of reading, writing, language and mathematics skills result from a combination of factors which include rich and varied travel, environmental experiences, opportunities for early and frequent exposure to books and language-rich experiences, older siblings who provide language and learning models, and high average to superior ability.

School District 161 School Attendance-Early Admission Policy 7:50 requires that parents who would like their son/daughter to be considered for early admission into FIRST GRADE complete an application process. The following must be included in this process:

1. Verification of residence;
2. Proof the child will be 6 years of age by December 31st of the school year of admission;
3. Completed and signed Early Admission Application must be submitted to the Superintendent of Schools by April 15th prior to the child's 6<sup>th</sup> birthday;
4. Proof of attendance at a non-public preschool and continued education at that school through kindergarten;
5. Proof that the teacher of kindergarten at the above school was an appropriately certified teacher;
6. Signed release of information form;

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5. Upon completion of the above, an evaluation shall be administered by a school psychologist certified or registered in the State of Illinois;
  - a. This evaluation must verify that the child scores in the high average - superior range on the Woodcock-Johnson Test of Early Cognitive and Academic Development. (ECAD).
  - b. District 161 school psychologists are available to administer this assessment.

The above information will be reviewed by a team including the Building Principal and the Director of Learning and Instruction. A representative of the team will then meet with the parents to discuss the results and recommendations pertaining to the Early Entrance of this child.

Please call me at 708.647.7017 if you have any questions regarding the application process.

Sincerely,

*Amabel Crawford*

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