

## **SERIES 400 – STUDENTS**

### **School Admissions – 420**

#### **Guidelines for Early Admission to Five Year & Four Year Old Kindergarten, and First Grade (421 Rule)**

Parents of children who turn five years old after September 1 and prior to September 21, may apply for their child to be enrolled into five year old kindergarten at the Norwalk-Ontario-Wilton School District.

Parents of children who turn four years old after September 1 and prior to September 21, may apply for their child to be enrolled into four year old kindergarten at the Norwalk-Ontario-Wilton School District.

Parents of children who turn six years old after September 1 and prior to September 21, may apply for their child to be enrolled into first grade at the Norwalk-Ontario-Wilton School District.

The following criteria will determine if the child shall be enrolled.

- 1) Class sizes for five year old kindergarten and first grade can not exceed an average of 15.4 students per class as of August 1 prior to the school year of admittance. The total number of students in four year old kindergarten can not exceed 50.
- 2) Priority for admitting students will be on a first come, first serve basis.
- 3) A test and testing procedure selected by the Norwalk-Ontario-Wilton Five Year Old Kindergarten Staff will be used for five year old kindergarten and the first grade staff will be used for students asking to attend first grade. A test and testing procedure selected by the four year old kindergarten and early childhood staff will be used for four year old kindergarten. Criteria for satisfactory performance will be given to the parent(s) prior to giving the child the test. The child will test without the presence of the parent(s) in five year old kindergarten only. The same testing procedure will be used for all children testing within a given school year.
- 4) The Staff involved with the testing will give a recommendation for early admittance to the Superintendent of Schools. This recommendation will determine if the child will be admitted into the kindergarten program desired by the parents.

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