

## **Chautauqua Elementary Early Entrance Qualifications**

Children meet kindergarten entrance qualifications when turning 5 years on or before August 31<sup>st</sup>. For Early Entrance consideration, the child must turn five in between September 1<sup>st</sup> and November 30<sup>th</sup> in order to participate.

### **Early Entrance procedures are subject to district promotion/retention general policies and guidelines.**

The student must first attend a 45 minute screening conference with the school principal and counselor. The screening includes reading levels, end of Kindergarten math benchmarks, fine motor and large motor screening and observation for social and emotional readiness. If after the screening process there is a decision to continue we will follow the guidelines below.

- A.** Parent or guardian is responsible for the following:
  - 1) Completing the application form, including developmental and medical background information and social/emotional scales. The completed application, along with the evaluation fee of **\$400.00**, must be received by the Chautauqua school principal by identified due date. Early Entrance evaluations will be completed on or around June 1<sup>st</sup>. Eligibility for scholarship or reduced fee consideration will be determined based on qualification for the Free and Reduced Lunch program
  - 2) Submitting information from preschool teachers and/or daycare providers (release of information between school and agency will be requested)
  
- B.** School evaluation team will evaluate the child in the following areas: Cognitive/Academic, Communication, Motor and Social/Emotional. Students must perform at 95% in Cognitive and Communications areas, and 75% in Motor to be considered for early entrance. The team will also review the parent and preschool teacher input and standardized rating scale results, in order to determine social/emotional readiness for school
  
- C.** After assessment data is reviewed by the evaluation team using established district criteria for early entrance to school, results and team recommendations are presented to the students parents/guardians
  
- D.** If student is found eligible for early entrance, after a two month probation placement in Kindergarten, a team will be reconvened to re-evaluate the recommendation if there is sufficient concern that the student has not been placed correctly