



A Parent's Guide to Early Entrance to Kindergarten

Thank you for your interest in Barberton City Schools!

Screening for Early Entrance to Kindergarten

Parents interested in the process should contact the Gifted Coordinator for the district or the Administration Office to request an early entrance packet of information. A screening time will be scheduled once a completed application form and authorization form have been returned by May 1st to the Gifted Services Office or Barberton City Schools Administration Office:

Gifted Services Office
Barberton Middle School
Attn: Gifted Coordinator
477 4th Street NW
Barberton, OH 44203

Barberton City Schools
Administration Office
Attn: Curriculum Dept.
633 Brady Avenue
Barberton, OH 44203

Important

Very few children qualify for early entrance to kindergarten. Please make sure you proceed with childcare arrangements as a contingency.

If you are selecting a preschool program, please understand that those programs routinely fill up quickly. Please register your child as you normally would, but let the preschool program know that your child is being screened for early entrance to kindergarten.

FAQ

Frequently Asked Questions

What is the difference between Early Entrance to Kindergarten and traditional kindergarten?

Children who turn five (5) on or before August 1 are eligible for kindergarten registration. Students who turn five (5) between August 1 and January 1 can participate in screening to be considered for entering kindergarten early. Early entrance to kindergarten is a rigorous process due to the fact that under state law, early entrance to kindergarten is considered to be the same as skipping a whole grade.

How long does the screening take? The screening appointment takes approximately one hour in May or early June.

Who administers the testing during the screening process? A licensed psychologist employed by Barberton City Schools will conduct the testing.

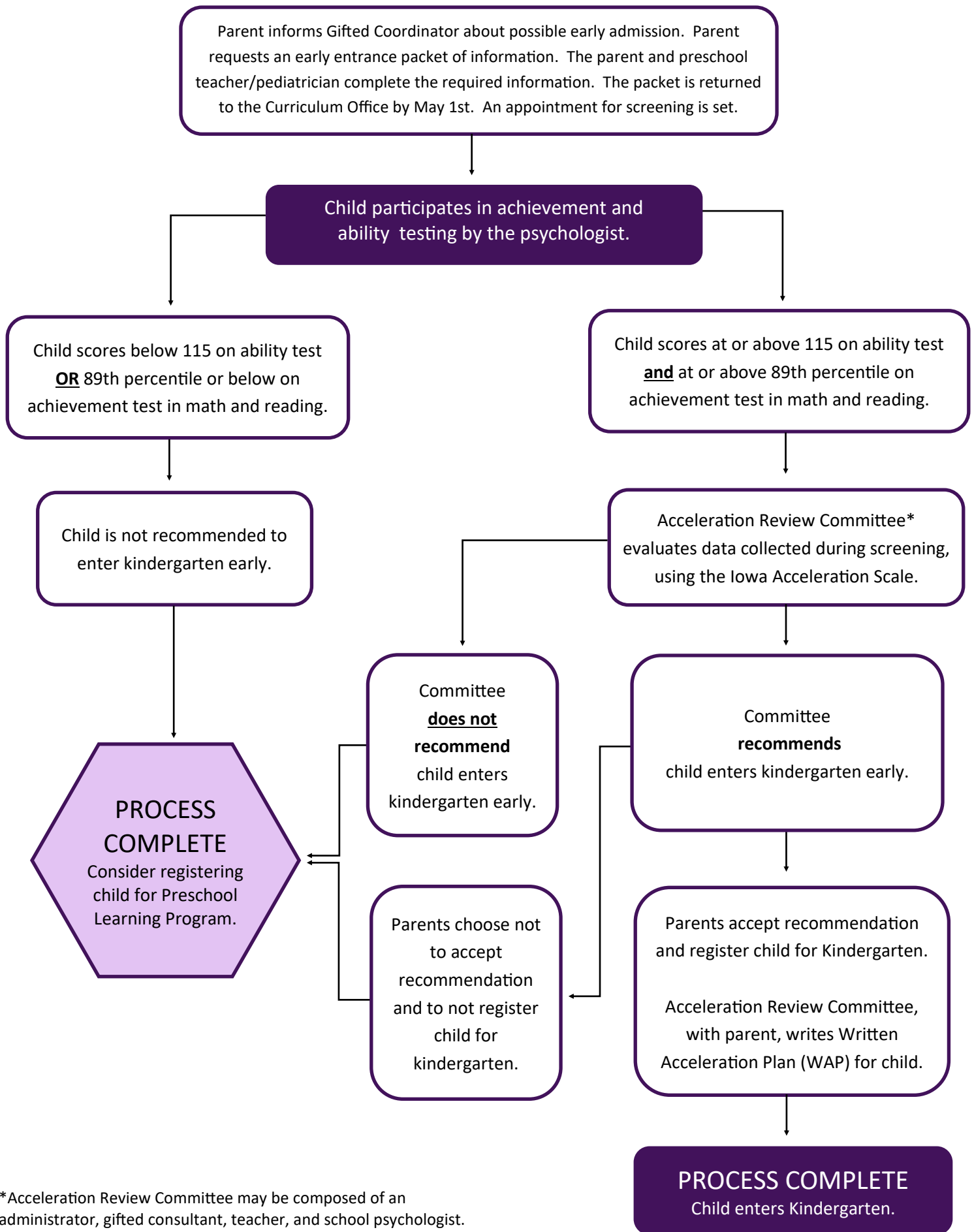
What should I do to prepare my child for the screening appointment? The night before the screening appointment, make sure your child gets plenty of sleep. On the morning of the appointment, make sure your child eats a healthy breakfast and, if your appointment is in the afternoon, a healthy lunch. Be sure to arrive on time for your appointment.

What will happen during the screening? During the screening appointment, your child will participate in individual testing and some play time.

When will I receive a copy of the results of the screening? Within 45 calendar days of informing the principal of intent, results from the screening will be shared with the Gifted Coordinator who will share the results with you. A letter will notify you of the next steps to take in the process.

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*Acceleration Review Committee may be composed of an administrator, gifted consultant, teacher, and school psychologist.