## TRI-TOWNSHIP CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL CORPORATION

## POLICY

## REGARDING

### KINDERGARTEN EARLY ENTRANCE

Students must be five years of age on or before August 1<sup>st</sup> of the year they enroll in Kindergarten as set forth in Indiana Code.

Appeal process: Pending class size and additional enrollment space, appeals will only be considered for those children who are five years of age on or before August 15<sup>th</sup> prior to the year of enrollment.

Those parents whose children meet the above age requirement may follow the process below to appeal to the Superintendent for early entrance into Kindergarten.

- Request "Kindergarten Early Entrance Form" from the Superintendent's office.
- Complete all requested information on the above form and return it to the Superintendent's office.
- The parent/guardian has a right to submit additional information to the Superintendent that is relevant to this decision process.
- The Superintendent may request:
  - 1. That a conference be held with the parent/guardian
  - 2. That additional information be provided by the parent/guardian
  - 3. That the child be evaluated by school personnel

After receipt of the completed forms, the Superintendent will approve or deny the request within 10 working days.

LEGAL REFERENCE: I.C. 20-33-2-7

Adopted by the Tri-Township Consolidated School Corporation School Board this 9<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2012.

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#### Kindergarten Early Entrance Form

In 2005 the State of Indiana passed a law requiring that all students must be five years of age on or before August 1<sup>st</sup> prior to the year of enrollment in school. This law was established after much research and debate concerning children being ready for school and the learning process. Our goal is to work with you through this appeal process to insure that we are making the best possible decision for your child. Kindergarten is an important first step out of your home and into school for your child and we certainly want this to be a positive and enjoyable experience for them.

# Note: Your child must be 5 years of age by August 15<sup>th</sup> prior to the year of enrollment in school to be eligible to make this Early Entrance to Kindergarten Request.

We suggest that you observe your child while they are actually doing some of the activities below. Do they appear to be having fun, do they participate willingly, do they complete tasks started, etc.? This information should be helpful to you in making your final decision to continue with your appeal request.

Please complete all information requested as completely as possible.

I. Does your child:

Show an interest in books

Sit quietly until end of story \_\_\_\_\_

Answer questions about a story that has been read to them \_\_\_\_\_

Communicate well with adults and peers \_\_\_\_\_

Print their name: \_\_\_\_\_

II. How does your child:

React when left with others

Relate with children their age

III. Please list the three most important reasons you feel your child should be allowed early entrance into kindergarten:

If you have any questions as you complete this form, please feel free to contact the Superintendent at 219-754-2709.