

## **Golf School District 67 Early Entrance to Kindergarten and First Grade**

The Board of Education approved Policy 6:135, *Accelerated Placement Program*, at its June 14, 2018, meeting. The District is awaiting final regulations and further guidance from the Illinois State Board of Education regarding implementation of the *Accelerated Placement Act*, which may result in changes to the District's policy and program.

Under the Act, accelerated placement is defined as the placement of a student in an educational setting with curriculum that is usually reserved for students who are older or in higher grades than the student. Accelerated placement includes, but may not be limited to: early entrance to kindergarten or first grade, accelerating a student in a single subject, and grade acceleration (105 ILCS 5/14A-17). Additionally, the Illinois *School Code* and Board Policy provide that a child who turns 5 years old on or before September 1st of the school term is eligible to attend Kindergarten, and that a child who turns 6 years old on or before September 1st of that school term is eligible to attend First Grade. Based upon an assessment of a child's readiness to attend school, a school district may permit a child to enter school prior the established dates (105 ILCS 5/10-20.12).

District 67 considers early entrance to Kindergarten or First Grade to potentially have a profound and lasting effect on a child's academic and social-emotional growth and achievement. Accordingly, District 67 will consider early entrance to Kindergarten for a child who will not yet be 5 years old by September 1st of the school term and who demonstrates on an assessment readiness to attend school. District 67 will consider early entrance to First Grade for a child who will not yet be 6 years old by September 1st of the school term, has completed Kindergarten and was taught by an appropriately licensed/certified teacher, and demonstrates on an assessment readiness to attend school. District 67 will assess a child in the areas of intellectual, academic, social, emotional, and behavioral growth to determine the child's readiness for early entrance to Kindergarten or First Grade.

If you would like your child to be considered for early entrance to Kindergarten or First Grade, please submit a formal request to Lynn Kurokawa, Director of Student Services, at [lkurokawa@golf67.net](mailto:lkurokawa@golf67.net).

Please note:

**The assessment window ends on the first Friday of August prior to the upcoming school year.**