

# Oak Ridge Schools

## Office of the Superintendent



# Administrative Procedure 6.2011.1

## Voluntary Pre-K Enrollment

The Board of Education may establish an early childhood education program to address the educational needs of eligible students. Before initial enrollment, the below shall be utilized when determining if a student is eligible to participate in a voluntary pre-kindergarten program.

- The student is an "at-risk child" who is four (4) years of age on or before August 15 and a member of a family with an income that meets the eligibility requirements for free or reduced-price lunch; and resides in a geographic area by the school district.
- The student is considered a dependent child who is four (4) years of age on or before August 15; whose parent was killed; died as a direct result of injuries received or has been officially reported as being either a Prisoner of War (POW) or Missing In Action (MIA) while serving honorably as a member of the United States Armed Forces during a qualifying period of armed conflict; or was formerly a POW or MIA under such circumstances, who can present official certification; and resides in the geographic area served by the school district.

After initial enrollment, if the school district has space available, children who are not at-risk may be enrolled in the voluntary pre-kindergarten program if the below criteria are met:

- Reside within the geographic area served by the school district and who are:
  - Four (4) years of age, with or without disability, on or before August 15;
  - Three (3) years of age on or before August 15, who are members of families with incomes that meet the eligibility requirements for free or reduced-price lunch;
  - Three (3) years of age on or before August 15; and
    - Who have been in the Tennessee Early Intervention System (TEIS); or
    - Who are screened and identified as educationally at-risk, as determined by federal law, or
- Reside outside of the geographic area serviced by the school district, are children of a parent who is a school employee; and four (4) years of age on or before August 15.