



Early Enrollment for Kindergarten  
2026-2027

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TN state law requires a student to turn five (5) years old on or before August 15<sup>th</sup> to be enrolled in kindergarten. According to ORS Board Policy 6.201, if a child will turn 5 years of age on or before September 30<sup>th</sup>, the parent/guardian may request consideration for early admittance to kindergarten. Oak Ridge Schools will accept applications for early enrollment in the kindergarten program in the Spring for the following school year.

If you have a child who will be 5 years old on or before September 30<sup>th</sup> and you feel your child is “emotionally and academically” ready to start kindergarten early, please complete the early registration form. This form and any supporting documents should be returned to Student Services by **May 8<sup>th</sup>**. Forms may be emailed to [artinker@ortn.edu](mailto:artinker@ortn.edu) or dropped off at the School Administration Building at 304 New York Avenue.

Once your application has been received and reviewed, you will be notified of the date and time for your child to be screened in late May or early June. The school team will review the results from the screening and send the information to Student Services with their recommendation. Please note that students with scores in the **90<sup>th</sup> percentile or above** will be considered for approval. Notifications of approval or denial will be communicated to parents in late June/Early July.

Requests for early kindergarten screening will not be taken after **May 8<sup>th</sup>** for the 2026-2027 school year. If you have any questions, please contact Dr. Amanda Tinker in Student Services at 865-425-9030 or via email at [artinker@ortn.edu](mailto:artinker@ortn.edu).

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For office use only: Granted: \_\_\_\_\_ Probationary: \_\_\_\_\_ Denied: \_\_\_\_\_

Explanation: \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Student Services Director: \_\_\_\_\_

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Please provide the following information and return the form to Dr. Amanda Tinker, Student Services, School Administration Building, 304 New York Avenue, Oak Ridge, TN 37830 or email the completed form and documentation to [artinker@ortn.edu](mailto:artinker@ortn.edu).

*We reserve the right to rescind any placement if enrollment numbers significantly change. If enrollment changes occur that will affect your child, you will be contacted by phone immediately.*

Student's Name:	Student's Date of Birth:
Street Address:	Phone:
City:            County:            State:            Zip Code:	Email:
Preschool Last Attended:	Preschool Phone Number:
ORS School Requested to Attend:	

The parent/guardian may submit the following documents with the application for screening:

- Information regarding the child's readiness for early entry (e.g. readiness assessment or screening reports)
- Documentation from the current preschool administration stating the student is ready for early entry.

Does the student require or currently receive special education or 504 services? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

If yes, please attach documentation.

Has the student had disciplinary/behavior or attendance problems at school? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

If yes, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

Does the student have any medical issues? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

If yes, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

I have read the district's guidelines related to the early enrollment of kindergarten students and agree to the terms as stipulated. I understand that early-enrolled kindergarten students are accepted only if student enrollment permits and the child meets the district's expectations. I give permission for my child to be screened for possible early admission to Oak Ridge Schools kindergarten program. By signing this form, I acknowledge the above information to be true and accurate.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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