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## **AGAMIM CLASSICAL ACADEMY POLICY**

*Students, No. 504*

### **EARLY KINDERGARTEN ADMISSION POLICY**

#### **I. PURPOSE**

State law requires that kindergarten students must attain the age of five years on or prior to September 1 of the enrollment year unless the local school board has adopted a policy for early enrollment in select cases. This policy provides guidance to employees, families, and students regarding early kindergarten admission.

#### **II. POLICY STATEMENT**

Agamim Classical Academy is dedicated to the continuous development of each student. Students will be placed in the instructional level best suited to their academic, social, and emotional needs. Early admission to kindergarten may be appropriate for some children, and this policy allows for early enrollment in select cases.

#### **III. OTHER CONDITIONS**

In order to be eligible for early kindergarten admission consideration, families must submit a letter of request for early admission to the school along with their kindergarten application before the deadline for on-time application to kindergarten. Families who apply after the deadline for on-time application to kindergarten will be notified if there are open spots in kindergarten. If there are openings, the family must submit a letter of request for early admission within three days of receiving official school notice of the open spot.

#### **IV. EARLY KINDERGARTEN ADMISSION PROCEDURES**

- A.** Children who are five years of age on or before September 1 of the calendar school year may enroll in kindergarten. The school will begin the application process for kindergarten in November of the prior school year.
- B.** Children who are five years of age on September 2 through October 31 of the calendar school year may enroll in kindergarten if they meet the school's early admission to kindergarten assessment requirements outlined below. *Expenses related to these assessments are the family's responsibility.*
  - 1.** The school will review early admission to kindergarten request letters submitted according to the timelines established in part III of this policy ("Other Conditions") and schedule a meeting with families considering early admission into kindergarten to explain the early admission requirements and provide deadlines for assessment data submission.

2. Families seeking early admission into kindergarten must complete the following assessment requirements:
  - a. Agamim Classical Academy requires the child undergo a comprehensive psychological, developmental, and academic evaluation performed by a licensed psychologist, school psychologist, or relevant school officials responsible for academic testing. The school may request to see results for a variety of assessments. The child must achieve a measured score in the superior range on a nationally-normed standardized intellectual and/or academic assessment test appropriate for 3 to 5 year olds such as but not limited to:

*Wechsler Intelligence Scales for Children*  
*Stanford-Binet Intellectual Assessment Scale (5th Edition) Stanford-Binet, Form L-M*  
*Reynolds Intellectual Assessment Scales*  
*Kaufman Assessment Battery for Children (2nd Edition) Differential Ability Scales*  
*MCA-II or other standardized, academic tests.*
  - b. The child must be recommended for early admission to kindergarten by the psychologist and/or school official responsible for testing.
  - c. The child must have attended a formal preschool or other non-home educational setting. The preschool's director or current teacher must submit a letter of recommendation that addresses the child's current academic, emotional, and social capabilities along with any other information the preschool would like the school to consider.
  - d. The child must be physically and developmentally capable of the demands and activities of the school day (e.g., toilet, lunch, physical education routines, following a sequence of directions, etc.). Agamim Classical Academy may ask the parent to provide physician certification for this capability.
  - e. The child may undergo a skills and developmental screening based on the curriculum of the school's kindergarten program.
3. The school will review the submitted assessment data and letters of recommendation. After all materials are reviewed, the school will meet with the family to discuss the school's placement determination.

## V. PLACEMENT DECISIONS

Decisions for consideration for Early Admission to Kindergarten will be made by the school administration with input from the school psychologist, preschool director/teacher, and Agamim kindergarten faculty. The decision of the administration is final. All decisions for early admission to Kindergarten are provisional (*i.e.*, on a trial basis). If it is later determined by the school administration and faculty that the early admission is not resulting in a successful outcome, early kindergarten placement at Agamim Classical Academy may need to be reconsidered. Parents/Guardians agree to the above terms at the time they submit their letter of request for early admission to kindergarten.