

## EARLY ADMISSION TO KINDERGARTEN – FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### **What is the latest birthday a child may be considered for Early Entrance to Kindergarten?**

The child's birthday must be after September 1<sup>st</sup> and before October 15<sup>th</sup>.

### **Who do I contact for an Early Admission to Kindergarten application?**

Parents/Guardians may either obtain the Early Admission form by attending a **Kindergarten Information Session** or by contacting our school office at [www.tcgis.org](http://www.tcgis.org) or by phone at #651.492.7106.

### **What is the application deadline?**

Applications may be submitted to the TCGIS Office at anytime before the February 1<sup>st</sup> deadline of the year that the parents wish the child to enter school.

### **What if I miss the February 1 deadline?**

The application is firm, so if you miss the deadline, Early Admission to Kindergarten is no longer an option.

### **Are there costs in applying for Early Admission to Kindergarten?**

Potentially. We will begin with a standard assessment and then convene as a committee. If the committee decides at that time that further evaluation is needed, then a psychological assessment will be done. **Parents/legal guardians are responsible for the costs of these assessments.** Fees can range between \$200 and \$ 500. Scholarships may be available for those who qualify based on federal standards for free or reduced price meal guidelines.

### **What does the assessment for Early Admission to Kindergarten involve?**

The Early Admission Assessment consists of 2 parts – an evaluation done by the child's current pre-school/day care provider and an observation done by one of the TCGIS Kindergarten teachers. If an enrollment decision cannot be made at this time, then further evaluations will be performed by a psychologist and possibly an Occupational Therapist.

### **I have already had my child assessed. May I submit those results instead of having him/her assessed again?**

If your child has already been assessed, you may submit those results to TCGIS who will determine if that assessment is comparable to TCGIS assessment methods. If further assessments are needed, parents/legal guardians will be responsible for the costs.

### **Can I choose which teacher/psychologist that will assess my child?**

No.

### **Are there any full day kindergarten options?**

After a 6 week trial has occurred, the committee will then meet to decide if Full Day Kindergarten is an option for that student.

If you have any more questions or concerns regarding Early Admission, feel free to contact the Twin Cities German Immersion School by phone or by email. [www.tcgis.org](http://www.tcgis.org) or by phone at #651.492.7106.