

STUDENT ADMISSIONS

Students

Admission Requirements

Minimum Age:

A child shall be eligible for admission into kindergarten at the beginning of the school year if the child is five years of age or will be five years of age on or before July 31 of the calendar year in which the school year for which the child is seeking admission begins. The School Board may admit a child who will reach the age of five years on or after August 1 and on or before October 15 of such school year if the parent or guardian requests such entrance and provides an affidavit stating that (i) the child attended kindergarten in another jurisdiction in the current school year; (ii) the family anticipates a relocation to another jurisdiction that would allow admission within the current year; or (iii) the child has demonstrated through a recognized assessment procedure approved by the School Board that the child is capable of carrying the work of kindergarten.

Early Admission to Kindergarten:

The following assessment procedure for determining if a child is capable of carrying the work of kindergarten is approve and shall be made available to interested persons:

Early kindergarten enrollment exceptions may be made for younger children who are intellectually advanced. At a minimum, eligibility for the admission shall be based upon an analysis of the child's: (1) mental ability, (2) emotional/social development, (3) pre academic skills, and (4) fine motor skills.

The kindergarten early entrance assessment procedures are designed to identify and place in kindergarten those children who:

- a. will turn 5 years of age between August 1 and October 15;
- b. are deemed by parents or guardians as being intellectually advanced and likely to benefit from advanced grade placement; and
- c. are selected on the basis of testing by professionals trained and certified to administer the assessments that will produce evidence of strength in:
 1. mental ability defined as scoring 84th percentile or above on a standardized assessment of cognitive ability such as the Wechsler Pre Primary Scale of Intelligence III, or the Stanford-Binet V;
 2. a test of emotional/social development such as the Behavior Assessment System for Children, Second Edition (BASC-2);
 3. 75th percentile or greater on a test of pre academic skills such as the Woodcock Johnson III; and
 4. a test of fine motor ability, scoring 75th percentile or above on a standardized measurement such as the Beery VMI.

In the discretion of the Superintendent or designee, the assessments may be administered by the School District's professional staff, or the parents or guardians may be required, at their own expense, to have all or some of the required assessments completed by reputable professionals and to submit the results of such assessments to the School District.

The decision regarding early entrance to kindergarten requires careful consideration of all factors that affect kindergarten success with final determination to be made based on the recommendation of the District Evaluation Team, to be composed of such individuals as the Superintendent or designee determine appropriate. The academic, social, and emotional readiness, as well as the student's physical development and well-being, must be weighed with institutional factors also considered. Sound decision making in the area of early entrance to kindergarten is dependent upon reliable information regarding a student's readiness and a thoughtful balancing of the myriad of factors implicated by the decision. Parents will be notified in writing of the results of the Early Kindergarten Entrance assessment and the determination of the District Evaluation Team in a timely fashion; not to exceed three weeks after the assessments are completed.

Families who seek early admission of their child into kindergarten must obtain an *Early Entrance to Kindergarten Packet* from the School District Administrative.

Parents must fill out the early entrance application forms, which include a parent questionnaire and obtain and attach a reference letter from someone who is well acquainted with the child but not a relative of the child. The person providing this reference should know the child well enough that they can speak with some expertise about the child's attributes and abilities. The reference letter should indicate whether this person recommends the child be schooled with children who will be a year older than the child and, if so, the evidence this person has concerning the child's mental ability, fine and gross motor ability, visual and auditory discrimination, emotional/social development, and communication skills. Suggestions for this reference letter are a preschool teacher, a Sunday school teacher, a day-care provider, or a physician.

The assessment request, reference letter and parent questionnaire must be completed and returned to the District no later than May 25th of the spring before fall enrollment to allow summer assessment to be completed.

Decisions regarding early kindergarten entrance must include consideration of the above and shall not be made based on race, color, gender, religion, ancestry, national origin, marital status, age, disability, or sexual orientation of the child or the child's parents or guardians. Institutional factors, such as capacity, may also be considered.

Admission to First Grade:

A child may be eligible to enter first grade, even if the child has not attended kindergarten, if the child is six years of age or will be six years of age on or before October 15 of the current school year and school officials determine that first grade is the appropriate placement for the child.

Graduates:

A student who has received a high school diploma or received a General Equivalency Diploma shall not be eligible for admission or continued enrollment.

Age 21:

A student shall not be admitted or continued in enrollment after the end of the school year in which the

student reaches the age of 21. The school year for this purpose ends at the last day of instruction for graduating seniors.

Birth Certificate, Physical, Visual Evaluation and Immunization:

The parents or legal guardian shall furnish:

- (1) A certified copy of the student's birth certificate issued by the state in which the child was born, upon admission of a child for the first time, shall be provided within 30 days of enrollment. Other reliable proof of the child's identify and age, accompanied by an affidavit explaining the inability to produce a copy of the birth certificate, may be used in lieu of a birth certificate. An affidavit is defined as a notarized statement by an individual who can verify the reason a copy of the birth certificate cannot be produced. (Failure to provide the birth certificate does not result in non-enrollment or disenrollment, but does result in a referral to local law enforcement for investigation).
- (2) Evidence of a physical examination by a physician, physician assistant, or nurse practitioner, within six months prior to the entrance of the child into the beginner grade and the seventh grade or, in the case of a transfer from out of state, to any other grade, unless the parent or legal guardian submits a written statement objecting to a physical examination.
- (3) Evidence of a visual evaluation by a physician, a physician assistant, an advanced practice registered nurse, or an optometrist, within six months prior to the entrance of the child into the beginner grade or, in the case of a transfer from out of state, to any other grade, unless the parent or legal guardian submits a written statement objecting to a visual evaluation. The visual evaluation is to consist of testing for amblyopia, strabismus, and internal and external eye health, with testing sufficient to determine visual acuity.
- (4) Evidence of protection against diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis, polio, measles, mumps, and rubella, Hepatitis B, Varicella (chicken pox), Haemophilus Influenzae type b (Hib), invasive pneumococcal disease and other diseases as required by applicable law, by immunization, prior to enrollment, unless the parent or legal guardian submits a written statement that establishes than an exception to the immunization requirements are met.
- (5) Every student entering the seventh grade shall have a booster immunization containing diphtheria and tetanus toxoids and an acellular pertussis vaccine which meets the standards approved by the United States Public Health Service for such biological products, as such standards existed on January 1, 2009.
- (6) Kimball Public Schools will follow the "Summary of the School Immunization Rules and Regulations" produced annually by the Department of Health and Human Services and posted at: <http://www.hhs.state.ne.us/reg/t173.htm>

The Superintendent or Superintendent's designee shall notify the parent or guardian in writing of the foregoing requirements and of the right to submit affidavits or statements to object to the requirements, as applicable. The Superintendent or Superintendent's designee shall also provide a telephone number or other contact information to assist the parent or guardian in receiving information regarding free or reduced-cost visual evaluations for low-income families who qualify.

A student who fails to meet the foregoing requirements shall not be permitted to enroll or to enter school, or if provisionally enrolled or enrolled without compliance, shall not be permitted to continue in school until evidence of compliance or an exemption from compliance is given.

Enrollment of Expelled Students

If a student has been expelled from any public school district in any state, or from a private, denominational, or parochial school in any state, and the student has not completed the terms or time period of the expulsion, the student shall not be permitted to enroll in this school district until the expulsion period from such other school has expired, unless the School Board of this school district in its sole and absolute discretion upon a proper application approves by a majority vote the enrollment of such student prior to expiration of the expulsion period. As a condition of enrollment, the School Board may require attendance in an alternative school, class or educational program pursuant to Nebraska law until the terms or time period of the original underlying expulsion are completed. A student expelled from a private, denominational, or parochial school or from any public school in another state, will not be prohibited from enrolling in the public school district in which the student resides or in which the student has been accepted pursuant to the enrollment option program for any period of time beyond the time limits placed on expulsion, pursuant to the Student Discipline Act, or for any expulsion for an offense for which expulsion is not authorized for a public school student under such Act. For purposes of this policy, the term expulsion or expelled includes any removal from any school for a period in excess of twenty (20) school days.

Legal Reference: Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 43-2001 to 43-2012
 Neb. Rev. Stat. § 79-214
 Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 79-217 to 79-223
 Neb. Rev. Stat. § 79-266.01
 173 NAC Chapters 3 and 4 (HHS Regulations)

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Revised: July 10, 2017

FORMS FOR HEALTH RELATED ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

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**NOTICE OF REQUIREMENTS FOR STUDENT ADMISSION—
BIRTH CERTIFICATE, IMMUNIZATION, PHYSICAL EXAMINATION
AND VISUAL EVALUATION**

Nebraska law requires that the parents or legal guardian furnish the following documents as a condition of admission to school:

1. A certified copy of the student's birth certificate issued by the state in which the child was born, prior to admission of a child for the first time. Other reliable proof of the child's identify and age, accompanied by an affidavit explaining the inability to produce a copy of the birth certificate, may be used in lieu of a birth certificate. An affidavit is defined as a notarized statement by an individual who can verify the reason a copy of the birth certificate cannot be produced. (Failure to provide the birth certificate does not result in non-enrollment or disenrollment, but does result in a referral to local law enforcement for investigation).
2. Evidence of a physical examination by a physician, physician assistant, or nurse practitioner, within six months prior to the entrance of the child into the beginner grade and the seventh grade or, in the case of a transfer from out of state, to any other grade, unless the parent or legal guardian submits a written statement objecting to a physical examination.
3. Evidence of a visual evaluation (for school year 2008-2009 and each school year thereafter) by a physician, a physician assistant, an advanced practice registered nurse, or an optometrist, within six months prior to the entrance of the child into the beginner grade and the seventh grade or, in the case of a transfer from out of state, to any other grade, unless the parent or legal guardian submits a written statement objecting to a visual evaluation. The visual evaluation is to consist of testing for amblyopia, strabismus, and internal and external eye health, with testing sufficient to determine visual acuity.
4. Evidence of protection against diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis, polio, measles, mumps, and rubella, Hepatitis B, Varicella (chicken pox) and Haemophilus Influenzae type b (Hib) and other diseases as required by applicable law, by immunization, prior to enrollment, unless the parent or legal guardian submits a written statement refusing immunization or meets other exceptions established by law (refer to Health and Human Services regulations, 173 NAC 3).
5. On and after July 1, 2010, every student entering the seventh grade shall have a booster immunization containing diphtheria and tetanus toxoids and an acellular pertussis vaccine which meets the standards approved by the United States Public Health Service for such biological products, as such standards existed on January 1, 2009.

Forms to submit objections are available from the school.

The following information is provided to assist a parent or guardian in receiving information regarding free or reduced-cost visual evaluations for low-income families who qualify: Information about free or reduced-cost visual evaluations may be obtained from the Nebraska Foundation for Children's Vision (NFCV), nechildrensvision.org, 1633 Normandy Court, Suite A, Lincoln, NE 68512—Fax 402-476-6547—Phone 402-474-7716. To identify a participating SEE TO LEARN doctor nearest you, call 1-800-960-3937. For assistance from VISION USA call 1-800-766-4466. In addition, Lions Clubs throughout Nebraska are committed to assisting disadvantaged families by sponsoring eye exams and eyewear. NOA member doctors will provide eye exams at no cost if no other resources are available.

**AFFIDAVIT OF REFUSAL OF IMMUNIZATION--
FOR REASON OF RELIGIOUS CONFLICT**
(For School Admission)

The undersigned, being first duly sworn, states upon oath as follows

This affidavit is submitted for the following child: _____.

I state that I am submitting this affidavit in the position of (*initial* as appropriate):

- _____ Self, as I am the child and I am of the age of majority
- _____ As a legally authorized representative of the child based on (insert description of legal authority; e.g., parent or legal guardian):

I understand that state law requires that the child be protected by immunization against certain contagious diseases prior to enrollment in school. I hereby swear and affirm that such immunization requirements (*initial* as applicable):

- _____ Conflict with the tenets and practice of a recognized religious denomination of which the child is an adherent or member; or
- _____ Conflict with the personal and sincerely followed religious beliefs of the child.

I will not hold [Name] Public Schools responsible for any injury or harm caused by or relating to such refusal to obtain immunization for the child.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this affidavit is signed and acknowledged this ____ day of _____, 20__.

Affiant

STATE OF NEBRASKA)
) **ss.**
COUNTY OF _____)

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this ____ day of _____, 20__ by _____.

Notary Public

[Legal Reference: Neb. Rev. Stat. sections 79-217 and 79-221; HHS Regulation 173 NAC 3]

**AFFIDAVIT
Refusal of Immunization of Student for Religious Reasons**

State of Nebraska

ss.

County of _____

This Affidavit is being submitted on behalf of

_____ (Name of Student)

_____ (Birthdate of Student)

If the student is of the age of majority:

I, _____, of lawful age and being first duly sworn,
(Name of Affiant/Student)
depose and state as follows:

Immunization conflicts with the tenets and practice of a recognized religious denomination of which I am an adherent or member or immunization conflicts with my personal and sincerely followed religious beliefs.

If the student is a minor:

I, _____, as legally authorized representative of
(Name of Affiant)

, of lawful age and being first duly sworn,
(Name of Student)
depose, and state as follows:

Immunization conflicts with the religious tenets and practice of a recognized religious denomination of which the student is an adherent or member or immunization conflicts with the student's personal and sincerely followed religious beliefs.

(Signature of Affiant)

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this _____ day of _____

Notary Public

REFUSAL OF IMMUNIZATION For Medical Reasons

As the physician of:

Child's Last Name	First Name	Age
Birth Date	School	Grade

**A. I have elected to not immunize this student against the following disease(s):
(check box*)**

- Diphtheria
- Tetanus
- Pertussis
- Polio
- Measles (Rubeola)
- Mumps
- Rubella (German Measles)
- Hepatitis B
- Varicella (chickenpox)

In my opinion, this/these immunization(s) would be injurious to the health and well-being of

- The student
- A member of the student's household or family

Comments _____

Signature of Physician

Date

* Each disease for which a vaccine has not been administered must be checked. Parent / guardian must submit dates of immunization for all other diseases.

Printed from the Nebraska Health and Human Services System Web site. www.hhs.state.ne.us

Documentation of Varicella (Chickenpox) Disease

(To be filled out by the parent, guardian, or medical provider of the child/student)

This document is being submitted on behalf of:

(Name of child/student)

(Birth date of child/student)

I _____ verify that the above listed child/student
Parent/Guardian/Medical Provider

had the varicella disease in _____ (year).

(Signature of parent/guardian/medical provider)

**PARENT OBJECTION TO
PHYSICAL EXAMINATION OR VISUAL EVALUATION
(For School Admission)**

I am the parent or guardian of the following children who are enrolling in the beginner grade or seventh grade in Kimball Public Schools, or who are transferring from out of state into any grade in Kimball Public Schools:

Child No. 1: _____

Child No. 2: _____

I understand that state law requires that the school be provided with: (1) evidence of a physical examination by a physician, physician's assistant, or nurse practitioner and (2) a visual evaluation by a physician, a physician assistant, an advanced practice registered nurse, or an optometrist. The physical examination and visual evaluation is required to be completed within six months prior to the entrance of the child into the beginner grade and the seventh grade or, in the case of a transfer from out of state, to any other grade. The visual evaluation is to consist of testing for amblyopia, strabismus, and internal and external eye health, with testing sufficient to determine visual acuity. No such physical examination or visual evaluation shall be required of any child whose parent or guardian objects in writing.

I hereby object in writing to the:

_____ physical examination

_____ visual evaluation

(check one or both)

for the above named child(ren). I will not hold Kimball Public Schools responsible for any injury or harm caused by or relating to such refusal to obtain a physical examination or visual evaluation for the above named child(ren).

Dated this ____ day of _____, 20__.

Parent or Guardian

[Legal Reference: Neb. Rev. Stat. sections 79-214(3) and 79-220]



Department of Health and Human Services Waiver of Physical Examination/Visual Evaluation Requirement

School Name (if desired)

Note to Parent/Guardian: please complete and return to the school health office if you wish to have your child waived from these requirements as allowed by Nebraska law. If you have questions, please contact the school nurse or the school office. Thank you.

As a Parent/Guardian of - Student Name	Student ID#
School Name	Grade

I object to the following requirements for school entry as legislated in Nebraska Revised Statutes 79-214 and 79-220.

Check which apply:

- Physical examination by a licensed physician, physician assistant or advance nurse practitioner within six months prior to school entry. *(Applies to: Kindergarten or beginner grade, out of state transfers to any grade, and seventh grade).*
- Visual evaluation by a licensed physician, physician assistant, advanced nurse practitioner, or vision professional (optometrist or ophthalmologist) within six months prior to school entry. *(Applies to: Kindergarten or entry grade and out of state transfer to any grade).*

I understand that I may request information to assist me in receiving information about reduced-cost vision examination as required by NRS 79-220.

I understand provisions in the law allow me to waive the requirement for this examination by my signed statement.

SIGN HERE _____
 Signature of Parent/Guardian Date

Comments: _____

**Summary of the School Immunization Rules and Regulations
For 2017-2018 School Year**

Student Age Group	Required Vaccines
Ages 2 through 5 years enrolled in a school based program not licensed as a child care provider	4 doses of DTaP, DTP, or DT vaccine, 3 doses of Polio vaccine, 3 doses of Hib vaccine or 1 dose of Hib given at or after 15 months of age, *Hib not required after child reaches 5 yrs. of age 3 doses of pediatric Hepatitis B vaccine, 1 dose of MMR or MMRV given on or after 12 months of age, 1 dose of varicella (chickenpox) or MMRV given on or after 12 months of age. Written documentation (including year) of varicella disease from parent, guardian, or health care provider will be accepted. 4 doses of pneumococcal or 1 dose of pneumococcal given on or after 15 months of age. *Pneumococcal not required after child reaches 5 yrs. of age.
Students from Kindergarten through 12 th Grade, including all transfer students from outside the State of Nebraska and any foreign students	3 doses of DTaP, DTP, DT, or Td vaccine, one given on or after the 4 th birthday, 3 doses of Polio vaccine, 3 doses of pediatric Hepatitis B vaccine or 2 doses of adolescent vaccine if student is 11-15 years of age. 2 doses of MMR or MMRV vaccine, given on or after 12 months of age and separated by at least one month, 2 doses of varicella (chickenpox) or MMRV given on or after 12 months of age. Written documentation (including year) of varicella disease from parent, guardian, or health care provider will be accepted. If the child has had varicella disease, they do not need any varicella shots.
Additionally, for 7th Grade Only	1 dose of Tdap (must contain Pertussis booster)

Source: Nebraska Immunization Program, Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services. For additional information, call 402-471-6423.

The School Rules & Regulations are available on the internet: <http://www.hhs.state.ne.us/reg/t173.htm> (Title 173: Control of Communicable Diseases - Chapter 3; revised and implemented 2011)
Updated 1/25/2017

AFFIDAVIT
(For Child to Enroll Early in Kindergarten)

The undersigned, being first duly sworn, states upon oath as follows:

I am the parent or guardian of _____ (Child's name). The Child's date of birth is _____. The Child will reach the age of five years on or after August 1 and on or before October 15 of the current school year.

I elect to enroll the Child this school year and hereby affirm (check or initial appropriate provision for early enrollment):

____ the Child attended kindergarten in another jurisdiction in the current school year; or

____ the family anticipates relocation to another jurisdiction that would allow admission within the current year; or

____ the Child is capable of carrying the work of kindergarten which can be demonstrated through a recognized assessment procedure approved by the board.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this affidavit is signed and acknowledged this ____ day of _____, 20__.

Parent or Guardian

STATE OF NEBRASKA)

) **ss.**

COUNTY OF _____)

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this ____ day of _____, 20__ by _____.

Notary Public

**Request For Non Disclosure
Of High School Student Personal Information
To Institutions of Higher Education or Military Recruiters**

I hereby request that the name, address, and telephone listing of _____ (name of student), a high school student at Kimball Public Schools, not be released without prior parental consent to:

____ institutions of higher education
____ military recruiters
(check one, both, or none)

Signed by: ___ Student ___ Parent (Check One)

_____ Signature/Date

_____ Print Name

_____ Address

_____ City/State/Zip Code

Note to students/parents: This certificate can be signed by either student or a parent. The provision of this form does not reflect the position of Kimball Public Schools that the request for non-disclosure should or should not be made.

“SEC. 9528. ARMED FORCES RECRUITER ACCESS TO STUDENTS AND STUDENT RECRUITING INFORMATION.

“(a) POLICY.—

“(1) ACCESS TO STUDENT RECRUITING INFORMATION.—Notwithstanding section 444(a)(5)(B) of the General Education Provisions Act and except as provided in paragraph (2), each local educational agency receiving assistance under this Act shall provide, on a request made by military recruiters or an institution of higher education, access to secondary school students names, addresses, and telephone listings.

“(2) CONSENT.—A secondary school student or the parent of the student may request that the student’s name, address, and telephone listing described in paragraph (1) not be released without prior written parental consent, and the local educational agency or private school shall notify parents of the option to make a request and shall comply with any request.

“(3) SAME ACCESS TO STUDENTS.—Each local educational agency receiving assistance under this Act shall provide military recruiters the same access to secondary school students as is provided generally to post secondary educational institutions or to prospective employers of those students.

20 USC 7908.