

Board of Directors Kindergarten Policy

- All students entering kindergarten must be 5 years old by September 1st of the calendar year of enrollment.

If a parent wishes to appeal this decision, and their child's birthday is between September 1st and October 31st, they may attend a Sojourner Truth Academy Board of Directors meeting which are held monthly. Early entrance students will not be considered if the request is made after the first day of school.

- Procedures for appeal

At a monthly board meeting the parent/guardian must:

- * Speak or send a letter to the Board about why they feel their child can enter kindergarten before they are 5 years of age.
- * Bring a letter of recommendation from a child care or preschool program.
- * Bring results from preschool or kindergarten screening.
- * Sojourner Truth Academy language and reading test are administered.

After the parent/guardian provided the documentation, the board will then make a decision about whether to allow the child to enter kindergarten.

If the student is admitted to enter kindergarten early:

- Documentation will be sent home weekly to the parents regarding the child's academic and behavioral progress and needs
- By September 30th, the Teacher, Lower School Director of Curriculum and Instruction, and School Director will recommend to parents in writing whether the placement in kindergarten should continue or terminated. If the recommendation is that the child will not continue in kindergarten the child will be un-enrolled on September 30th.

If it is determined that the child remain in kindergarten on September 30th the parent must sign an agreement that allows the teacher and staff to make the decision to have the student repeat kindergarten.

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I agree that in enrolling my kindergartner early I give the teachers and staff of Sojourner Truth Academy the ability to make the decision to have my student repeat kindergarten or to ask the child to exit mid school year and reenroll the following year.

(Parent/Guardian Signature)