<u>Lisbon Public School</u>

KINDERGARTEN ENTRANCE

WAIVER PROCESS

(Students Turning Five Between September 2, 2024 and December 31, 2024)

Beginning July 1, 2024, to enroll in kindergarten, children must turn five years old on or before September 1 of the school year. According to new legislation, a student who is not five years old on or before September 1 of the school year may request a waiver.

If you wish to seek a waiver to the kindergarten age requirement, please see the steps below to request an assessment of your child. Students will be assessed to determine whether they are developmentally ready for kindergarten. Children seeking waivers must be 5 years old before Jan. 1, 2025.

Letters or emails requesting waivers must be received by March 28, 2024, and should be sent to:

Sally Keating – Superintendent of Schools, Skeating@lisbonschool.org

In addition, please CC:

Scott Trepanier - Director of Early Childhood, Strepanier@lisbonschool.org

Christopher Sheldon - School Principal, Csheldon@lisbonschool.org

Waivers will not be considered outside of the timeline specified below, unless the student moves into Lisbon after this timeline. Assessments for families new to Lisbon will take place in August. No waivers will be considered after the start of the 2024-2025 school year.

Please help us communicate the process by sharing this flyer with any Lisbon residents you know who have kindergarten-aged students. All students who turn 5 before Sept. 1st are eligible to attend kindergarten without this waiver process.

STEP 1: By February 9, 2024

Kindergarten Waiver Notice Distributed. Notice of the kindergarten waiver process posted on district website, sent to newspaper and sent through the weekly Dear Parents and Friends email.

Written Request for Waiver Due. A letter or email requesting a waiver must be received by the school superintendent by March 28th. It must include parent/guardian and child's name, address, phone number and child's date of birth.

Step 3: Wednesday, April 3, 2024 @ 4:30

A meeting will be held for all parents and guardians who have requested a waiver to explain the process and answer questions.

Step 4: Between April 18-26, 2024

Brigance Screening by Appt. Families who are requesting waivers for early entrance to kindergarten for their child will be scheduled for an individual screening appointment.

Step 5: Between May 2 - May 9, 2024

Aimsweb Pre-K Benchmark Testing. Children who have been cleared through the Brigance Screening who are requesting a waiver for early entrance to kindergarten will be scheduled for an individual screening appointment.

Step 6: By May 17, 2024

Waiver Notification Parents:

*Children receiving the waiver will be provided with information on the registration process for kindergarten.

*Children who do not receive the waiver for kindergarten will be provided with information about the LCS PreK program.