

## Prima (Kindergarten) Early Admissions

State law requires that Kindergarten (Prima at Parnassus) students must attain the age of five prior to September 1 of the enrollment year, unless the local school board has adopted a policy for early enrollment in select cases. The Board of Parnassus has adopted such a policy because the school recognizes that there may be a child who would benefit from beginning school at Parnassus at an age younger than five. In order to be eligible for early admission consideration, *all* of the following requirements must be met prior to the admission lottery date, or if no lottery, admission waiting list. If all requirements are not met by the admission lottery date, the child will not be included in the admission lottery. In the case of the waiting list, all requirements must be met before the child is offered a space at Parnassus.

Requirements to apply for Early Admission include the following:

1) Parnassus requires that the child must undergo a comprehensive psychological and developmental evaluation performed by a licensed psychologist or school psychologist. The child must achieve a measured score in the superior range (i.e. at least 2.0 Standard Deviations above the mean score for the assessment instrument used) on a nationally-normed standardized intellectual assessment test appropriate for 3 to 5 year olds such as:

- Wechsler Preschool Primary Scales of Intelligence (3rd Edition),
- Stanford-Binet Intellectual Assessment Scale (5th Edition),
- Stanford-Binet, Form L-M
- Reynolds Intellectual Assessment Scales,
- Kaufman Assessment Battery for Children (2nd Edition), or
- Differential Ability Scales – Preschool Form

The child must be recommended for admission by the psychologist. The parent/guardian is solely responsible for the cost of this evaluation.

2) The child must have attended a formal preschool or other non-home educational setting and must be recommended by the staff of this other program for early admission to Prima (Kindergarten) through our short questionnaire about the child's development. The child's teacher must complete Parnassus' Child Development Questionnaire. The parent should give the questionnaire to their child's teacher with a stamped addressed envelope so that the teacher can return the questionnaire directly to Parnassus.

3) The child must be physically and developmentally capable of the demands and activities of the school day (i.e. toilet, lunch, physical education routines, following a sequence of directions, etc.) Parnassus may ask the parent to provide physician certification for this capability.

4) The child must undergo a skills and developmental screening based on the curriculum of our Prima (Kindergarten) program. Parnassus is looking for 70- 80% mastery of Parnassus' Prima (Kindergarten) benchmarks in order to approve early admission.

Decisions regarding eligibility for the admissions lottery or admissions by waiting list will be made by the Executive Director or designee, and the Prima teacher(s). **The decision of the Executive Director/designee is final.**

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I have read the guidelines and requirements for Early Admission at Parnassus Preparatory School.  
[Please return signed form to the school. Thank you.]

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Signature of Parent/Guardian

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Date

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Mailing Address

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Phone Number

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Child's Name