

## **WHAT IS THE SCHOOL CUTOFF DATE FOR KINDERGARTEN ENTRY IN NC?**

The North Carolina Public School cutoff date for kindergarten entry in Wake County NC, Durham County NC, Orange County NC, Lee County NC, Harnett County NC, Chatham County NC, Johnston County NC, and throughout the rest of North Carolina is August 31, 2012. If your child is on the cusp of this date, or feel he or she is ready for kindergarten, then consider kindergarten readiness testing. Wynns Family Psychology has extensive experience and expertise with preschoolers and academic evaluations, including readiness for kindergarten testing in NC. A full list of our assessment services can be found [here](#).

## **WHAT IS THE PROCESS OF EARLY KINDERGARTEN ENTRY? WHAT KIND OF TESTING IS INVOLVED?**

The counties in North Carolina require a "portfolio" that includes samples of the child's work, letters of recommendation, etc., as well as testing scores from an I.Q. and achievement test. (Note: school systems don't offer early entry to kindergarten testing. It must be performed by a private practice psychologist.) I.Q. testing taps innate abilities (verbal skills, nonverbal skills, processing speed) while achievement testing assesses reading and math skills. Your child will need to score at the 98th percentile or higher on the I.Q. test and at the 98th percentile or higher in reading OR math on the achievement test. Testing can be administered as early as April 16th of each year. We recommend early entry kindergarten testing be completed and submitted to your school by June or July. However, the report and portfolio can be turned in no later than 30 days after your child's fall semester starts.

Wynns Family Psychology does a lot of kindergarten testing, and the good news is we make it fun for your child. He or she will have no clue how important it is (or how you will be holding your breath until you get the results). Most kids who test with us leave the office asking, "When do I get to go back again?" The package costs \$675 (some insurance plan's mental health benefits will reimburse you for a portion of this cost) and includes the WPPSI (I.Q. test), WJ-III (achievement test), parent

**interview, report, and feedback session where we go over results and recommendations. Each test takes about an hour to give, and both are typically administered in a 2-hour block of time (unless your little one's attention span and activity level warrant giving the tests on two separate days), with a short break in between where your child can play for a few minutes or have a snack / drink from home.**

### **DO WHAT YOU THINK IS BEST FOR YOUR LITTLE ONE**

**If your child seems ready emotionally, socially, and behaviorally, and has demonstrated above average academic abilities, you may want to proceed with kindergarten testing. At Wynns Family Psychology, we believe kindergarten testing is usually worth a shot because it's so important to start your child when he or she is ready and enthusiastic!**

### **INFORMATION & SCHEDULING**

**Call (919) 805-0182 or email [Info@WynnsFamilyPsychology](mailto:Info@WynnsFamilyPsychology) for more information and to schedule an appointment. Most new clients are scheduled for their first full appointment at the Cary, NC office location within one to two weeks of calling.**

**To learn more about the process and criteria for early entry to kindergarten, visit your local school district website:**

### **EARLY ENTRANCE TO KINDERGARTEN GUIDELINES FOR WAKE COUNTY NC SCHOOLS**

**What is the cutoff date for kindergarten entry in Wake County NC? What are the Wake Co. NC Public School guidelines for kindergarten entry? Here you can find the answers, guidelines and criteria for early kindergarten entry in Wake County NC Schools.**

- Wake County NC Public Schools —  
Registration Requirements for Early Entry to Kindergarten**
- Wake County NC Public Schools —  
Process and Criteria Document for Early Entry**

to Kindergarten

## **EARLY KINDERGARTEN ENTRY GUIDELINES FOR DURHAM COUNTY NC SCHOOLS**

**What is the cutoff date for kindergarten entry in Durham County NC? What are the Durham Co. NC Public School guidelines for kindergarten entry? Here you can find the answers, guidelines and criteria for early kindergarten entry in Durham County NC Schools.**

- **Durham County NC Public Schools — Academic Kindergarten Readiness**
- **Durham County NC Public Schools — Chronological Kindergarten Readiness**
- **Durham County NC Public Schools — Personal Kindergarten Readiness**
- **Durham County NC Public Schools — Social Kindergarten Readiness**

## **EARLY KINDERGARTEN ENTRY GUIDELINES FOR ORANGE COUNTY NC SCHOOLS**

**What is the cutoff date for kindergarten entry in Orange County NC? What are the Orange Co. NC Public School guidelines for kindergarten entry? Here you can find the answers, guidelines and criteria for early kindergarten entry in Orange County NC Schools.**

- **Orange County NC Public Schools — Standards and Checklist for Early Admission to Kindergarten**
- **Orange County NC Public Schools — Kindergarten Readiness Information**

## **EARLY KINDERGARTEN ENTRY GUIDELINES FOR JOHNSTON COUNTY NC SCHOOLS**

**What is the cutoff date for kindergarten entry in Johnston County NC? What are the Johnston Co. NC Public School guidelines for kindergarten entry? Here you can find the answers, guidelines and criteria for early kindergarten entry in Johnston County NC Schools.**

- **Johnston County NC Public Schools —  
Early Entry to Kindergarten Information**

### **WHEN TO CONSIDER EARLY KINDERGARTEN ENTRY AND READINESS TESTING:**

**Although there is no perfect list of criteria to know whether your child is ready for kindergarten, you want to see that your child:**

- **Knows his or her ABC's and numbers at least 1-10 (even better if he or she can sound out some simple words or recognize some sight words)**
- **Can potentially show applied math skills (i.e., he or she has four blocks and can answer a question such as, "If I gave you two more blocks, how many would you have?")**
- **Has demonstrated the ability to sit for periods of time in a structured setting and attend a "lesson."**
- **Can handle separations from mom and dad well.**
- **Is excited and ready to go to "big school."**
- **Is able to play well with peers. (It's still normal for children to squabble over toys or fight, but you want to see your child playing well much of the time.)**

- Has demonstrated the ability to respect adult authority figures (other than you) by following directions and instructions.
- Can handle transitions during the day from one activity to the next.
- Is mature enough to be able to function comfortably with approximately 23 older children throughout a 6-7 hour day.

### **NBC 17 MY CAROLINA TODAY KINDERGARTEN READINESS AND TESTING VIDEO – EARLY KINDERGARTEN ENTRY AND REDSHIRTING IN NORTH CAROLINA**

**Ok, so your preschooler is smart. But what if he misses the August 31st deadline for entering kindergarten? Is he socially ready? What are the signs of kindergarten readiness? And what are the advantages of testing and starting your child early? Will math and reading skills will be tested? Does your child need a high I.Q.? Which learning activities will provide kids with the best preparation before starting school? And what is redshirting? (Should you red-shirt your children by holding them back an extra year?) Starting kindergarten can be a very intense and confusing topic for parents in the Raleigh, Cary, and Wake County NC area. Learn more about the process, pros and cons, guidelines, and resources for Early Entrance to Kindergarten. Dr. Kristen Wynns of Wynns Family Psychology answers your questions, provides advice, and explains how early kindergarten testing works. You can watch the full video interview on this page or view the NBC 17 My Carolina Today kindergarten readiness video here.**

**CAROLINA PARENT ARTICLE:  
PROS AND CONS OF EARLY KINDERGARTEN ENTRY  
It's important to provide a challenging environment and enriching curriculum when your child is ready for the next stage**

of learning. But his or her emotional, social, and behavioral maturity are also important considerations. Here you can review a quick pros and cons checklist regarding early entry to kindergarten.

## **WYNNS FAMILY PSYCHOLOGY TESTIMONIALS AND REVIEWS**

**"We just want to thank you so much for your encouragement! J is THRIVING in kindergarten and is happy to get on that bus every single day! His first report card was almost all 4's and O's (outstanding), and he received the 'Outstanding Eagle' award (similar to Student of the Month)!!! And he's not even five until next week! We are so happy for him! A million heartfelt thank you's!!! I really struggled with this decision and it has been a blessing, we will be forever grateful!!"**

**—Parent of a preschooler,  
Early entry to kindergarten assessment and consultation**

**"(Child) did make it into kindergarten and is currently reading on a level 18 (First Grade Fourth Quarter). The AIG teacher loves him and pulls a group once a week for nurturing. And, he is taller than a lot of the six year olds in his class. Thank you for all that you have done to make his kindergarten year successful."**

**—Parent of a kindergartener,  
Early entry to kindergarten testing**

**"I just want to thank you so much for your personal and approachable nature. I was very impressed with your knowledge-base and implementation concerning early entry. I am pleased to report that K is doing very well in Kindergarten!"**

**—Parent of a 4-year-old,  
Early entry to kindergarten testing**

**MORE WYNNS FAMILY PSYCHOLOGY TESTIMONIALS AND  
REVIEWS »**

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