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#### **Kindergarten Not Mandatory in North Dakota**

In North Dakota, children are not required by law to attend kindergarten. However, all districts must offer at minimum a half-day program to their residents.

#### **Current Age Requirements**

Young student must have turned 5 years old before August 1<sup>st</sup> if that same school year in order to be eligible to attend kindergarten. In North Dakota, the compulsory school age is 7 years old.

#### **Early Entry Rules**

To qualify for early entry into a North Dakota kindergarten, a student must be age 5 by December 1<sup>st</sup> and either enrolled previously in an approved kindergarten and have passed a district approved developmental and readiness screening.

## **Required Immunizations and Available Exemptions**

In order to attend school in North Dakota, students must have proof of all required immunizations (or a valid exemption as discussed below). Required immunizations include DTaP, polio, MMR, hepatitis B and varicella. Pre-entrance testing/screening Requirements are an option and is being researched to determine the best approach in educating our students.

## **Early Learning Guidelines**

Ojibwa Indian School will follow the North Dakota guidelines for early learning. North Dakota has Early Learning state standards in place intended to prepare children ages 3 to 5 years old for Kindergarten. These guidelines address all core subjects, as well as approaches to learning, expressive arts and creative thinking, health and physical development, and social and emotional development

### **What is Kindergarten Ready?**

## Self-care skills:

- Uses the bathroom and washes up independently
- Does basic self-dressing (may still need help with buttons, zippers, shoelaces)
- Knows and can say full name and age

#### Social/Emotional:

- Follow routines
- Plays cooperatively with others
- Verbally expresses feelings and emotions
- Participates in activities
- Pay attention to a story or activity for ten minutes

## **Motor Skills:**

- Identifies body parts such as: head, toe, elbow, knee, etc.
- Write name
- Draw vertical and horizontal lines
- Cut paper with scissors
- Hold a pencil using tripod grip
- Copy letter, shapes
- Follow basic safety rules; no running from the classroom, stay in group, etc.

## **Language and Reading:**

- State full name and can recognize and tries to write own name
- Know some letters and sounds of the alphabet
- Listen and talk about stories
- Understand we read books from left to right, top to bottom
- Notice words that rhyme
- Don't use "baby talk" when speaking
- Can be understood by others most of the time
- Uses words to express needs and wants

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# Math (Beginning of Kindergarten):

- Count to
- Recognize and name numbers 1-10
- Write most numbers 1-10
- See "how many" up to 5
- Identify shapes such as circle, square, rectangle, and triangle
- Sort by shape and color, like and unlike