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## **UNIVERSAL ACADEMY EARLY ENTRANCE KINDERGARTEN REQUIREMENTS**

### **I. PURPOSE**

The purpose of this policy is to establish a school-wide policy concerning Early Entrance kindergarten.

### **II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY**

In Minnesota, children are eligible to attend kindergarten when they are five years old on or before September 1st of the calendar year that school starts (Minn. Stat. § 120 A.24).

It is the policy of Universal Academy Charter School Board of Governance to permit children to Attend kindergarten when they are five years old on or before Nov 30 of the calendar year that School starts and fulfill expectations outlined within UACS'S Early Entrance Kindergarten Requirements.

### **III. DEFINITIONS**

- A. "Early Entrance" means attendance in kindergarten before the above stated Minnesota age eligibility.
- B. "Requirements" means the fulfillment of expectations outlined within Universal Academy Entrance Kindergarten Requirements.

### **IV. Guidelines**

#### **A. Skill Expectation**

- Language and Literacy
  - Follow 2-3 step directions
  - Illustration of early reading skills has begun (i.e. reading basic books)
  - Engages in basic writing activities (i.e. shapes or letters)
- Math and Problem Solving
  - Name basic colors and common shapes
  - Sort objects into groups by color, shape or size
  - Understand math concepts such as few, more, big, short or little
- Intellectual Potential
  - The child is moderately or highly gifted (IQ above 130)
  - Achievement level at or above mid-to-end of kindergarten level in reading and math

#### **B. Social Expectations**

- Attends to task/listens for 10-45 minutes in a group setting
- Manages transitions and accepts changes in routines
- Responds appropriately to limits and directions
- Demonstrates strong interest in academics and wants to start school

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**C. Emotional Expectations**

- Interacts easily with one or more children in a variety of activities and ages
- Demonstrates social maturity, emotional stability and confidence