

SUPERIOR-GREENSTONE DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

Section PROGRAM

Policy Name JUNIOR & SENIOR KINDERGARTEN

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POLICY

It is the policy of the Superior-Greenstone District School Board to offer a full day early learning program for two years in every elementary school.

PROCEDURES

1.0 Early Learning Eligibility

Any child may register when he/she has attained his/her fourth (4th) birthday by December 31 of that calendar year.

2.0 Flexible Programming

Participation in the Early Learning program is flexible.

3.0 Goals of the full day Program

- Developmentally appropriate programming to meet the varying experiences, backgrounds, abilities, and needs of all children
- Purposeful play as the main vehicle to promote all aspects of learning
- Creating healthy learning environments that are safe, secure, stimulating and thoughtfully planned with the child in mind
- Encouraging learning through exploring, playing, talking, risk-taking, problem solving and making choices
- Using a variety of instructional strategies with the whole class, small groups and individuals
- Providing experiences that build a strong foundation for literacy and numeracy development
- Ongoing, authentic assessment practices to inform programming and improve learning
- Welcoming parents and caregivers as valued partners in their children's education
- Fostering partnerships between home, school, early learning partners and the larger community.

4.0 Early Learning Partnerships

- Create a comprehensive system to maximize the mutual sharing of facilities, equipment and resources
- Schools and early learning centers will work collaboratively to facilitate the transition of students into early learning programs.