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### **Preschool Admission Policy**

Elba Public School operates an early childhood preschool program composed of two sessions – a morning session for younger children too young to attend kindergarten the following year according to the Nebraska Department of Education Kindergarten and Early Childhood Program Eligibility guidelines, and an afternoon session for students eligible to attend kindergarten the following year based on the Nebraska Department of Education Kindergarten and Early Childhood Program Eligibility guidelines.

Elba Public School wants children and parents to have fair access to preschool educational openings that are available. It is possible that more children may be interested in attending either session than there are slots available. The following criteria will be used to determine the priority of admission to the preschool sessions if more applications are received than slots are available:

*Students will first be considered for admission to their age appropriate slot – morning or afternoon – according to the Nebraska Department of Education Kindergarten and Early Childhood Program Eligibility guidelines. If a student does not become admitted using the below criteria and there is space available in the other preschool session, the student will be considered for attending the other session in their priority order.*

*The following priority order will be used for admission:*

- 1) Application is received by the school office by the established priority date*
- 2) Children who previously attended the Elba Public School preschool or children who have siblings who are currently attending Elba Public School in grades K-12*
- 3) In-district children*
- 4) The child's age oldest to youngest*
- 5) Out-of-district children*

*Any students not accepted to either session according to the process outlined above, will be placed on a waiting list according to their priority rank. Applications received after the priority date will be placed at the end of the waiting list.*