

## **BRIDGES PREPARATORY ACADEMY**

### **EARLY ADMISSION POLICY**

The following policy replaces all prior policies regarding early entrance or admission to the School.

#### **Eligibility**

- The School shall admit to kindergarten any student who is five or, for a student who has not completed first grade, six years of age by the first day of instruction of the school year of admittance.

#### **Early Admission**

A child who seeks to enroll in kindergarten or first grade who does not meet the age requirements set forth above, but who will be five or six years old, respectively, prior to the first day of January of the school year in which admission is requested, may be evaluated for early admittance. Early admittance will be considered under the following circumstances:

- The School receives a referral by the child's parent or guardian, an educator employed by the School, a preschool educator who knows the child or a pediatrician or psychologist who knows the child.
- The School will hold a conference with parent(s)/guardian(s) and child and arrange for the necessary testing and discuss the child's readiness for kindergarten or first grade, as the case may be.
- Following an evaluation in accordance with a referral, the Board of Directors or its designee shall decide whether to admit the child. The Board of Directors designates the School administrator as its designee for purposes of determining whether to admit a child under this Policy.
- The School will not enroll a student who will not be five or six years old, respectively, prior to the first day of January of the school year in which admission is requested.
- If a student has been previously admitted to kindergarten in a school district or chartered nonpublic school, then such student shall not be denied admission based on the student's age.