



Kindergarten Entry Age

A recently enacted Michigan law amended the Revised School Code (MCL 380.1147), which changed the minimum age requirement for a child enrolling in kindergarten. Currently, a student must be five years old by December 1st to be eligible for enrollment to kindergarten. New legislation will change the “cut-off” date and will be gradually phased-in over three years; changing the requirement by one month each year. The changes will be implemented in the following manner:

- For the 2013-14 school year, children must be five years old by November 1st
- For the 2014-15 school year, children must be five years old by October 1st
- For the 2015-16 school year, children must be five years old by September 1st

Parent Waiver Option

If the child is not eligible for enrollment per the guidelines specified above and will be five years old by December 1st, the child’s parent or legal guardian can apply for a waiver to enroll their student in school. Waiver deadlines and other information are as follows:

- If the child resides in the school district, the waiver must be submitted to the school district no later than **June 1st** before the beginning of the school year.
- If the child becomes a resident of the school district after June 1st, the waiver must be submitted to the school district no later than **August 1st** before the beginning of the school year.
- When in receipt of a waiver, districts can make recommendations to the child’s parent or legal guardian, as to the child’s readiness for school, and whether or not the child should be enrolled early.
- Regardless of a district’s recommendation, the parent or legal guardian retains the sole discretion to enroll their child.

Ready for Kindergarten?

Recent legislation has **changed** the entry age.

The entry age for kindergarten will be gradually changed to require children to be 5 years old by September 1st rather than the current cutoff date of December 1st.

State of Michigan: Act. No. 198
Effective 6/26/12



2013-14 School Year

A child who resides in a public school district or public school academy providing kindergarten may enroll if the child is at least 5 years of age on NOVEMBER 1, 2013.

2014-15 School Year

A child who resides in a public school district or public school academy providing kindergarten may enroll if the child is at least 5 years of age on OCTOBER 1, 2014.

2015-16 School Year

A child who resides in a public school district or public school academy providing kindergarten may enroll if the child is at least 5 years of age on SEPTEMBER 1, 2015.

Questions: Contact your local school district.

Okemos Public Schools
4406 N. Okemos Rd. Okemos, MI 48864
Kindergarten Waiver Request for 2019-2020 School Year

According to Michigan Law, if a child residing in Okemos Public Schools is not five years of age on September 1, 2019 but will be five years of age not later than December 1, 2019, the parent or legal guardian of that child may enroll the child in kindergarten for the 2019-2020 school year if the parent or legal guardian notifies the school district in writing not later than June 1, 2019, that he or she intends to enroll the child in kindergarten. If a child becomes a resident of the Okemos Public Schools after June 1, the child's parent or legal guardian may enroll the child in kindergarten for that school year if the parent or legal guardian submits this written notification not later than August 1, 2019 under this subsection.

A school district that receives this written notification may make a recommendation to the parent or legal guardian as to whether the child is not ready to enroll in kindergarten due to the child's age or other factors. Regardless of the district recommendation, the parent or legal guardian retains the sole discretion to determine whether or not to enroll the child in kindergarten if the student is five years of age not later than December 1, 2019.

Student Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Verification of Age: Birth Certificate Government Record Hospital Record
(Check one) Court Record Citizenship Paper Other: _____
(Specify)

Evidence of School Readiness (provided by parent):

- 1) _____
- 2) _____
- 3) _____
- 4) _____

 Parent/Guardian's Printed Name

 Parent/Guardian's Signature

 Date

Okemos Public Schools Recommendation

Building Administrator Comments (Optional):

 School Administrator's Signature

 Date