

STUDENTS**Admission to Kindergarten**

All children who are residents of the district or are accepted as School of Choice students shall be entitled to enroll in kindergarten as follows:

2012-2013:

- A child who is at least five years old on or before December 1 may enroll in kindergarten for the current school year.
- A child whose fifth birthday is AFTER December 1 must wait to enroll for the next school year.

2013-2014:

- A child who is at least five years old on or before November 1, 2013 may enroll in kindergarten for the current school year.

2014-2015:

- A child who is at least five years old on or before October 1, 2014 may enroll in kindergarten for the current school year.

Beginning in 2015-2016:

- A child who is at least five years old on or before September 1, may enroll in kindergarten for the current school year.

Children who are residents of the district who are not 5 years of age on the enrollment eligibility date specified above, but who will turn five (5) no later than December 1 of a school year, may be enrolled in kindergarten for that school year given the following parameters:

- The parent or legal guardian notifies the school district in writing no later than June 1 prior to the intended school year for enrollment into kindergarten.
- If the child/family becomes a resident after June 1, the parent or legal guardian must notify the district in writing no later than August 1 prior to the intended school year for enrollment into kindergarten.

If administration believes the child is not developmentally ready to enroll in kindergarten due to the child's age or other factors, they may make a recommendation to the parent or legal guardian to postpone enrolling the child until the next school year. However, after considering the administration's recommendation, the parent or legal guardian retains the sole discretion to determine whether or not to enroll the child in kindergarten.

Upon enrolling a child for the first time in the Okemos Public Schools, the parent or guardian shall provide either: a) a certified copy of the student's birth certificate; OR b) other reliable

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proof of the student's identity and age with an affidavit explaining the inability to produce a copy of the birth certificate. If a person enrolling a student fails to provide the required documentation, the district shall notify the person in writing that unless he or she complies within 30 days, the district shall refer the case to the local law enforcement agency for investigation.

Legal Reference: MCL 380.1561; 380.1135; 380.1147
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POLICY

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