



Kindergarten Notification Information

Michigan law amended the Revised School Code (MCL 380.1147), which changed the minimum age requirement for a child enrolling in kindergarten. In years past, a student must have been five years old by December 1st to be eligible for enrollment to kindergarten. New legislation has changed the “cut-off” date to September 1st.

- For the 2024-25 school year, children must be five years old by September 1st

Parent Notification 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. Notification deadlines and other information are as follows:

- If the child resides in the school district, the notification 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 notification must be submitted to the school district no later than **August 1st** before the beginning of the school year.
- When in receipt of notification, 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.

