

How Do I Enroll My Child in Kindergarten? Parent Guide #3

Michigan law allows a child who is five years old on or before November 1, 2013 to sign up for kindergarten.

Beginning in 2014, a child who is five years old on or before October 1 may enroll in kindergarten; and in 2015 and beyond, a child who is five years old on or before September 1 may enroll in kindergarten.*

- Most public school districts begin signing children up for kindergarten in early spring for the following fall.
- Contact your local school to find out the exact date.
- If you are interested in signing up your child in a district other than your own, contact that district to see if they are offering schools of choice enrollment for kindergarten and if so, what the deadline is for application.
- Be ready with names, addresses and phone numbers to fill out forms. Also bring contact information about your child's doctor.
- Check with your local school for what information they want you to bring.
- If you do not have all of the forms they want, you should still sign up your child for kindergarten. The staff can help you get any missing forms.
- If you are staying in a temporary place or have lost your housing recently, let your school know that when you sign up.

- When you sign up, let the school know if your child gets other services, such as speech therapy.

Here are some common papers you will need to sign your child up for kindergarten.

- Proof of your child's age and identity (birth certificate) is required. Other proof of birth may be accepted (passport, hospital birth record, adoption record or baptismal certificate, etc.).
- Proof of where you live (driver's license, voter registration card, utility bill, rent statement, income tax return statement, or any official document showing both your name and address).
- Records of vaccination and immunization. You may contact your school to apply for a waiver, which is an exemption from vaccinations for religious or medical reasons. The website for current immunizations is: www.mcir.org.
- Vision and hearing tests. Each child needs to have a hearing and vision test before starting kindergarten.

****Please see Parent Guide #4 for information about an early entry option for kindergarten enrollment.***