

Michigan's Kindergarten Entry Requirements



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Macomb Intermediate School District:
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VISION

We are the Macomb Intermediate School District.

We provide quality service to special education and general education students, instructional and technical support to school staff, and cutting-edge educational leadership in Macomb County.

We are committed to all the students of Macomb County. To serve them well, we are resolute in involving parents, school personnel, and the community at large, including business, government, and civic organizations as active partners in planning, delivering and evaluating our services.

We work directly with individuals with disabilities who reside in Macomb County School Districts. We serve students of all ages, from newborns to adults, meeting their unique learning needs and supporting their families all along the way.

Within the twenty-one local districts and public charter schools, we focus our efforts on building capacity with school staff. Through quality training and instructional support, we increase their knowledge, skills and abilities so all students receive a rigorous and effective educational experience.

We promote all aspects of the educational process through our development and support of technology. We provide training in the use of essential technology tools that enhance curricular, instructional and administrative services in our schools and, as a result, opportunities are expanded for all.

We work collaboratively with colleges and universities and are leaders in state and national programs. We anticipate needs and opportunities, all with the single purpose of identifying, developing and implementing programs and practices that, through education, improve the quality of life in Macomb County.

The Macomb Intermediate School District (MISD) is an Equal Opportunity Employer. It is the policy of the MISD that no person on the basis of race, creed, color, religion, national origin, age, sex, height, weight, marital status, or disability shall be discriminated against, excluded from participation in, denied the benefits of, or otherwise be subjected to discrimination in any program or activity for which the MISD is responsible. Inquiries regarding compliance with Section 504, Title IX, or the Americans with Disabilities Act may be directed to: Rosetta K. Mullen, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources/Legal Affairs and Coordinator under Section 504, Macomb Intermediate School District, 44001 Garfield Road, Clinton Township, Michigan 48038-1100, (586) 228-3309.

Kindergarten Entry Frequently Asked Questions

The entry age for Kindergarten in a Michigan public school or public school academy gradually changed to require children to be 5 years old by September 1, rather than the current cutoff date of December 1.

Michigan joins the majority of states that require students to reach age 5 before enrolling in a public school and/or public school academy. The requirement was fully implemented in the 2015–2016 school year.

Kindergarten is a great opportunity for learning but is voluntary in the State of Michigan, meaning that kindergarten attendance is permitted but not required.**

[**State of Michigan, 96th Legislature, Regular Session of 2012](#)

[**MI Revised School Code 380.1147: Enrollment of children in Kindergarten](#)

Question	Answer
1. What is the age my child must be to enter kindergarten in the fall of 2022?	Children who are 5 on or before September 1, 2022 are automatically eligible for kindergarten in the fall of 2022. They will count in membership.
2. Is it possible for me to enroll my child in kindergarten this year if he/she turns 5 after September 1, 2022 but on or before December 1, 2022?	Yes, you must inform your resident district in writing of your intent to enroll your child in kindergarten early. This may be done any time prior to the start of the school year. The child will count in membership.
3. Who decides if my child who turns 5 by December 1, 2022 is ready for kindergarten?	School districts may make a recommendation to parents about whether a child is ready to enroll in kindergarten, but the parent always has the right to decide whether or not to enroll their child.
4. Will these dates and rules change again next year?	The transition to the September 1st cutoff date for kindergarten entry age is now complete and dates will remain the same unless there is new legislation. Parents' rights to request early entry for children who turn 5 between September 2nd and December 1st will also remain in force unless there is new legislation.

Kindergarten Registration Checklist:

Most districts begin to register for Kindergarten around **February** of each year for the following school year. Kindergarten Round Ups also take place around that time. The following is a general checklist that will make your registration process run smoother and help you be prepared when you go.

- Child's **birth certificate** with raised seal (pages that follow have more information)
- Child's **immunization** record (pages that follow have more information)
- Child's **vision and hearing** test results (pages that follow have more information)
- Proof of **residency** (driver's license and 2 pieces of mail containing your name and address - utility bills work well)
- Health form (if required by district)

Please contact your district for other specific requirements they might have.



Obtaining Your Child's Birth Certificate

Your child's birth certificate may be obtained from the county in which your child was born. Macomb, Oakland and Wayne counties all have websites and contact information is listed below.

Frequently Asked Questions

Who can get a copy of my child's birth certificate? Anyone listed on the birth certificate or legal guardian.

How much does it cost to get a birth certificate? Fees vary from \$7.50 to \$25.

What do I need to request a birth certificate? A valid driver's license or 3 pieces of Identification.

Can I request a birth certificate online? Yes, many counties provide an online service.



Macomb County

120 N. Main Mt. Clemens MI 48043

<http://clerk.macombgov.org/>

586-469-5120

Oakland County

www.oakgov.com

248-858-0581

Wayne County

www.waynecounty.com

Child born in the city of Detroit

640 Temple St Suite 678

Detroit, MI 48201

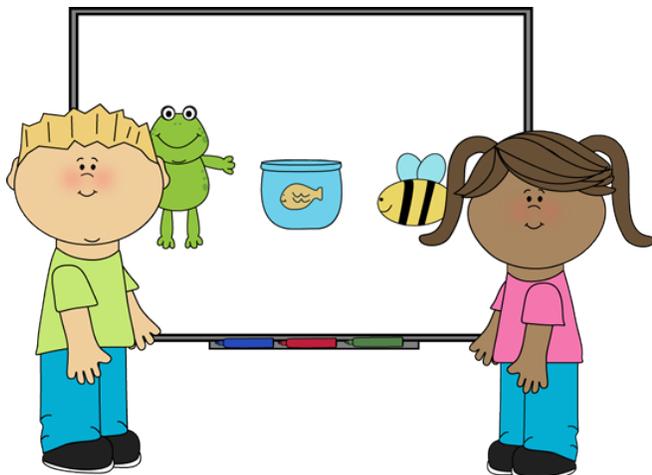
Child born outside the city of Detroit

Office of Wayne County Clerk

C/O Birth/Death Records Division

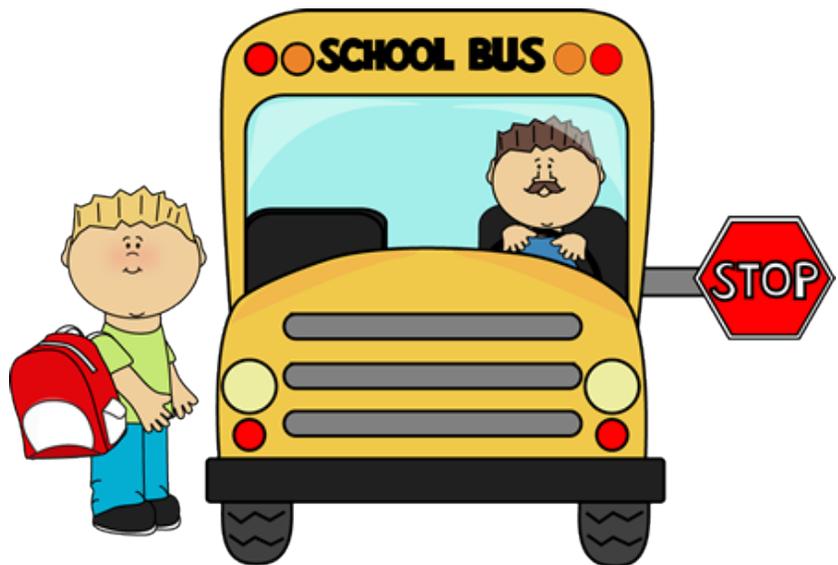
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Detroit, MI 48226



Additional Tips

- Make the call to your local school district early to obtain kindergarten registration dates. Many districts start registration as early as February.
- If before/after school care is needed, ask about the available programs. Registration for these programs is generally done in the spring BEFORE the school year begins. Spaces are limited and generally require a registration fee.
- Inquire about transportation – will your child be bused or will you have to transport your child.
- Take your child on a tour of the new school. Ask at registration when this would be possible. Be sure to point out bathrooms, lockers, gym and lunch room.
- Visit the schools playground during the summer.
- Most of all, enjoy this milestone with your child!





Health Department

Macomb County Health Department
School Immunization Program
43525 Elizabeth Road, Mount Clemens, MI 48043
586-466-6840

Dear Parent of future kindergarten or Developmental Kindergarten students:

The State of Michigan requires children to be age-appropriately vaccinated to enroll in school programs, unless a valid exemption applies*. Children entering kindergarten or Developmental Kindergarten are required to have documentation of the following vaccinations:

- 5 doses DTap
4 doses Polio
3 doses Hepatitis B, or laboratory evidence of immunity
2 doses MMR, or laboratory evidence of immunity
2 doses Varicella, or laboratory evidence of immunity, or statement of disease history.

Get Required Vaccines

The following resources are options to obtain the required vaccinations:

- Physician offices – contact your doctor’s office
Macomb County Health Department Immunization Clinic
a. Due to the COVID-19 crisis, Immunization services are available by appointment only. Please call the following Immunization Clinic Locations for availability. Please verify location of the vaccine administration with the Macomb County scheduler.

Table with 3 columns: Temporary Location (21885 Dunham Rd, Clinton Twp, MI 48036, (586) 469-5372), 27690 Van Dyke Av, Suite B Warren, MI 48093, (586) 465-8537, 25401 Harper Avenue St. Clair Shores, MI 48081 Temporarily Closed

- Ascension School-based Health center at the following locations:

Table with 3 columns: Warren Mott High School (3131 E 12 Mile Rd Warren, 48092 (586) 558-8765), Clintondale High School (35200 Little Mack Clinton Twp., 48035 (586) 790-4096), Center Line High School (26300 Arsenal Center Line, 48015 (586) 510-2232)

Or Get Valid Exemption for Vaccines

*Parents must provide the school with one or both of the below two valid exemptions.

- Non-medical Immunization Waiver Form – The local health department must certify this type of waiver for religious or other objection(s) to vaccine(s). To obtain a certified nonmedical waiver, a legal guardian must schedule an appointment by calling 586 466 6840 and receive an education on the vaccines waived. See “How to Obtain a Nonmedical Waiver” instructions (also included).
Medical Contraindication Form – This type of waiver is completed by a physician (MD., or DO.) verifying a medical reason that prevents the child from receiving a specific immunization(s) for a specific period of time. This form can be found on the website link below.

Any child with a valid exemption to a particular vaccination is considered susceptible to that vaccine-preventable disease, and is subject to exclusion from the school if an outbreak of the disease occurs.

For more information, please visit our website



Health Department

IMMUNIZATION CLINIC HOURS



By Appointments only

effective 1/24/2022

Health Center	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Mount Clemens Health Center TEMPORARY LOCATION 21885 Dunham Road Clinton Township, MI 48036 (586) 469-5372	Open 8:30-4:30 TB testing: 8:30-4:30	Open 8:30-4:30 TB testing: 8:30-4:30	Open 8:30- 6:30 TB testing: 8:30-4:30	Open 8:30-4:30 No TB testing; can read results	Open 8:30-4:30 TB testing: 8:30-4:30
Southwest Health Center 27690 Van Dyke, Ste. B Warren, MI 48093 (586) 465-8537	Open 8:30-4:30 TB testing: 8:30-4:30	Open 8:30-4:30 TB testing: 8:30-4:30	Open 8:30-4:30 TB testing 8:30-4:30	Open 8:30- 6:30 No TB testing; can read results	Open 8:30-4:30 TB testing: 8:30-4:30
Southeast Family Resource Center 25401 Harper Avenue St. Clair Shores, MI 48081 (586) 466-6800	Temporarily Closed for Immunization service				

For CHILDREN: A PARENT OR GUARDIAN MUST be available to complete & sign clinic health forms for each child. Forms are available at: <http://health.macombgov.org/Health-Programs-FamilyHealthServices-ImmunizationClinic>

WHAT YOU NEED TO BRING WITH YOU TO THE HEALTH CENTER:

1. IMMUNIZATION RECORD(S) for all persons being immunized
2. INSURANCE CARDS(S) for all persons being immunized
3. VALID IDENTIFICATION

PAYMENT/BILLING INFORMATION:

- There are charges for the administration of vaccines – **cash, check or credit cards.**
- **We cannot accept payments by Health Savings Accounts (HSA) or debit only cards.**
- Medicaid/Medicare Part B will be billed for approved vaccines.
- Macomb County Health Department can bill some commercial insurances for immunization services.
- Adults and children who have no insurance or who have insurance that does not cover the cost of vaccines may be eligible to receive vaccines at reduced cost.

For more information:

- Please call (586) 469-5372 or (586) 465-8537 and ask to speak with an Immunization Program Registered Nurse, or
- Visit our website for **updates and holiday schedules:** <http://health.macombgov.org/Health-Programs-FamilyHealthServices-ImmunizationClinic>
- Like us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/PublicHealthMacomb>



Health Department

Hearing and Vision Program – Southeast Family Resource Center
25401 Harper Avenue, St. Clair Shores, MI 48081
Phone: 586-412-5945 Fax: 586-771-6705

HEARING AND VISION TESTING FOR INCOMING KINDERGARTENERS

Dear Parents/Guardians:

According to the Michigan Public Health Code (Act 368 of 1978), children entering kindergarten must have their hearing and vision tested before the first day of school.

Macomb County Health Department provides this service free of charge, by appointment ONLY, at various locations/dates from March – May. Please schedule your appointment now so your child will be prepared for kindergarten this fall. We do not offer screenings in June or July. Limited August appointments fill up quickly. If you have not arranged to have your child screened prior to the start of school, it will be necessary for you to visit your doctor for this service.

Important information to know:

- If your child attends pre-school in Macomb County, check with the pre-school to see if hearing and vision screenings have already been held or are scheduled to be conducted before the end of the school year. If this is the case, you will obtain the required paperwork for kindergarten entrance from your pre-school provider.
• If your child did not attend pre-school or was not screened due to absence on screening day at their pre-school, please call the Hearing & Vision Program at Macomb County Health Department at (586) 412-5945 to schedule an appointment. You will be notified of locations and appointment times when you call.
• DO NOT SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT FOR LOST OR MISPLACED PAPERWORK. If you have lost or misplaced your paperwork, please call the office to discuss your options for obtaining documentation.
• For entrance into kindergarten, documentation is required and provided by Macomb County Health Department (see sample below). Please put this document in a safe place until it is time for kindergarten registration.

MACOMB COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT HEARING AND VISION PROGRAM 586-412-5945
PARENT/GUARDIAN: IMPORTANT
This form must be presented when child enters kindergarten in accordance with Michigan Public Health Code (Act 368 of 1978).
CHILD'S NAME:
DATE: SCREENING LOCATION:
HEARING SCREENING: [] PASSED [] DID NOT PASS - An examination by your local health department or family doctor is required.
VISION SCREENING: [] PASSED [] DID NOT PASS - An examination by an optometrist or an ophthalmologist is required.
MDHHS Trained Hearing Technician MDHHS Trained Vision Technician

Keep your yellow Pass/Fail slip in a safe place until kindergarten registration!