

Michigan's Kindergarten Entry Requirements

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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: What is the age my child must be to enter kindergarten in the fall of 2025?

Answer: Children who are 5 on or before September 1, 2025 are automatically eligible for kindergarten in the fall of 2025. They will count in membership.

Question: Is it possible for me to enroll my child in kindergarten this year if he/she turns 5 after September 1, 2025 but on or before December 1, 2025?

Answer: 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.

Question: Who decides if my child who turns 5 by December 1, 2025 is ready for kindergarten?

Answer: 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.

Question: Will these dates and rules change again next year?

Answer: The transition to the September 1st cut off 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 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

<https://www.macombgov.org/departments/clerk-register-deeds/birth-records>

(586)469-5120

Oakland County

<https://www.oakgov.com/government/clerk-register-of-deeds/life-events-services/birth-records>

(248)858-0581

Wayne County

400 Monroe Street, Suite 605, Detroit, MI 48226

<https://www.waynecountymi.gov/Government/Elected-Officials/Clerk/General-Office/Birth-Certificates>

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 school's playground during the summer.
- Most of all, enjoy this milestone with your child!

Immunization Clinic Hours

<https://www.macombgov.org/sites/default/files/files/2025-02/Immunization%20Clinic%20Hours.pdf>

Your Child at 5 Years

https://www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/actearly/pdf/checklists/checklists_5yr.pdf

Hearing and Vision Screening for Incoming Kindergarteners

<https://www.macombgov.org/departments/health-department/community-health-planning-and-promotion/hearing-and>

Oral Health Screening

<https://www.macombgov.org/departments/health-department/community-health-planning-and-promotion/healthy/oral>

MDHHS-3305 Health Appraisal

<https://www.michigan.gov/-/media/Project/Websites/mdhhs/Folder50/Folder6/MDHHS-3305.pdf?rev=0513a81e09ee47fe9a4f548ee65b1db9>