



Frequently Asked Questions

Who is eligible?

Young students that meet the age-eligibility for kindergarten, and may not be socially, emotionally, or academically prepared for kindergarten. Young students include those who qualify for a waiver for kindergarten entry (September-December 1st birthdays), or students who turn five over the summer.

How is it determined if Young 5's is appropriate for my child?

Students are eligible based on age and/or readiness. Wyandotte Schools staff will provide a developmental screening to determine and make a recommendation for the "best fit" placement for your child. The District will have the final determination of which children will be placed in the Young 5's program.

My child attended GSRP as a 4-year-old. Will they be able to attend Young 5's?

The GSRP Preschool is an excellent program that prepares children for kindergarten. GSRP students are ready for Kindergarten and will not have a need for Young 5's.

Where will it be housed?

The Young 5's program will be in one or more of Wyandotte's elementary schools. A final determination will be made at the end of June.

Is there a cost?

There is no cost! This program is a part of Wyandotte Public Schools, so it is tuition-free.

What will my child be learning?

Young 5's will focus on literacy, mathematics and social-emotional learning as focus points. Teachers will move a pace that nurtures and encourages development and growth in all areas of learning, so that students can easily transition to kindergarten.

Who will be teaching my child?

A certified WPS teacher will be teaching all of our Young 5's classes.

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Helpful Facts About Young 5's

*Young 5's is an option for students entering kindergarten that may need the gift of time to develop their social and academic skills before entering formal kindergarten.

*Young 5's is not for every student. Students who qualify for a waiver into kindergarten and other young learners may benefit from a Young 5's program, Preschool at Wyandotte's Early Childhood Center, or Kindergarten.

*Students will be screened at a later date by Wyandotte staff to determine a best fit for placement for your child—Preschool, Young 5's or Kindergarten. Students that attend Wyandotte's Early Childhood Center will be screen by their preschool teacher. Their ECC preschool teacher will make the placement recommendation.

*The program will adhere to kindergarten learning standards and goals. It will provide more time to focus on social learning, while developing emerging literacy, early mathematical concepts, and number sense.

*Young 5's will be housed in one or more of Wyandotte Public School's elementary buildings and will be taught by a qualified, certified elementary teacher with knowledge of developmentally appropriate curriculum. Your child will attend their resident school the following year for Kindergarten. Students who are School of Choice will follow an older sibling or be assigned a school for Kindergarten.

*The Young 5's program is free of cost and will follow a schedule consistent with all of the Wyandotte Elementary schools.