

# Kindergarten Entry Age

Children must be 5 years old as of August 1 to enroll in kindergarten in a Kentucky public school.

## When was this change announced?

The law that changed the birthday cutoff date from October 1 to August 1 passed in 2012.

## Will students who don't meet the new August 1 cutoff be allowed to start kindergarten?

Your school district can grant a waiver for children to start kindergarten who are not yet 5 years old as of August 1.

## What if I want to apply for Early Age Entrance to Kindergarten for my child?

- Apply March 1st – June 1<sup>st</sup> prior to the school year at the school you are requesting to attend.
- Parent will be notified by school of next steps in the process

## What is included in the application process?

- Student participates in the screening process
  - Application, Parent Questionnaire, Readiness Checklist, Settings Information Checklist
- Students advancing to the next step will be administered developmentally appropriate assessments as defined by the district.
- Committee will review application and assessment data to determine if the student meets criteria for being developmentally ready for kindergarten.
- Students identified as developmentally ready for kindergarten will be eligible for kindergarten registration.

## What if my child has been enrolled in kindergarten already in another state?

You should contact the school district office and provide the paperwork to show the prior enrollment in kindergarten. Once the paperwork has been verified, the school will enroll the child in kindergarten.

## Where do I go if I have questions?

Questions regarding kindergarten enrollment, early entry waivers and other issues regarding school registration should be directed to your school district office. Additional information is available on the Kentucky Department of Education's website:

<http://bit.ly/EarlyEntranceKindergarten> or Pike County Schools

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