



Iowa City Community School District

Educational Services Center

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Kindergarten Enrollment

- To:** Parents of children who will be 5 years of age on or before September 15, 2024
(Date of birth is on or before 9/15/2019)
- Re:** Enroll your child in kindergarten at the school in which your child is assigned to attend.

The Iowa City Community School District is looking forward to the enrollment of your child for kindergarten for the upcoming year. Here is some general information and important dates.

General Information about Kindergarten

Kindergarten is a full-day program for children, five days a week. If as a parent you prefer a half-day program, for your child, that is an option. Let the principal of your school know of your decision. If a student attends school in the morning, parents pick up their child prior to lunch; if a student attends school in the afternoon, parents bring their child after lunch. Parents must choose either the a.m. or the p.m. session and may not alternate attendance between the two. Transportation is the responsibility of the parents when a child attends a half-day of school. Parents who choose half-day kindergarten must complete the district Half-Day Preference form and may change this preference once during the school year to full day.

Entrance Age

Kindergarten Enrollment Guidelines (Iowa Code 282.3)

- **Students must be 5 years of age by September 15th in order to enroll in kindergarten.**
- If a student has **completed** kindergarten in an accredited public or private school, in state or out of state, they **may** be enrolled in first grade even if the child is not 6 by September 15.
- If a student has **not completed** kindergarten (e.g. moved mid-year) and was **not** 5 years of age by September 15, they **cannot** enroll in kindergarten in the State of Iowa. This situation occurs when another state/country or accredited private school has a different age cutoff date for kindergarten enrollment (such as 5 by November 1.)

There is an Iowa Attorney General's Opinion stating that no one has discretion to overlook this law. There are no exceptions allowed including for children who moved in from another state where the child has been enrolled in kindergarten most of the year.

- Per federal law, children of military families must be enrolled in the grade of the prior school regardless of age.

First Day of School

School begins on Friday, August 23, 2024.