

## What Are the Requirements For School Age?

In Pennsylvania, the **only** requirement is that your child meet the age requirement set by the district. Your child must be 5 years of age on or before the cut off date in your district.

**\*Subject to change**

### Schuylkill County School Districts Eligibility Dates

School District	Eligibility Date: 5 yrs on or before:
Blue Mountain	September 1
Mahanoy Area	August 31
Minersville	August 31
North Schuylkill	July 1
Panther Valley	September 30th
Pine Grove	September 1
Pottsville	September 1
Saint Clair	August 14
Schuylkill Haven	September 1
Shenandoah Valley	August 15
Tamaqua	August 31
Tri Valley	August 31
Williams Valley	August 31

## What if My Child is Not Ready to Move to Kindergarten?

If your child still meets early intervention eligibility requirements, you can keep him or her in the Schuylkill IU 29 Early Intervention Program for **one** extra year. If your child has already spent their kindergarten eligible year in preschool, you will be presented an intent to register (First-grade eligible) for the upcoming year. This form means that your child is first grade age. It **does not** mean your child will automatically enter first grade. It does mean, however, that IU 29 cannot continue services after this program year. Any questions should be directed to IU 29 Service Coordinators/Supervisor.



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## What Is School Age Transition?

This brochure has been developed to help explain the transition process. If you have any questions about school-age transition, please call IU 29 Early Intervention Program.



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## What is Transition?

Transition occurs when your child moves from one program into another. School age transition takes place when your child moves from early intervention programming into school age programming. It will become the school district's responsibility to provide special education services. The Early Intervention Service Coordinator/Supervisor will help you with this process. If your child continues to be eligible for special education services, transition ensures that he/she will receive services when he/she enters kindergarten.



## How Does School Age Transition Begin?

In December, of the current year, your child becomes eligible for kindergarten, you will be sent paperwork from the Schuylkill IU Early Intervention Program asking if you are registering your child for kindergarten. If you plan to send your child to kindergarten, a meeting will be scheduled with the district to prepare for your child's successful transition to school-age services.

These are some options available:

- You may request your child be reevaluated to determine what services need to be continued
- The school district and you may decide that the preschool IEP is still appropriate and adopt that IEP
- You may decide to register your child and have him/her placed in kindergarten without services.

Your child's Teacher/Therapist will provide ongoing progress reports regarding your child's eligibility status.

**You will be receiving notification in the beginning of January when your child's transition meeting will be held.**

## What is a Transition Meeting?

A transition meeting is a brief meeting to help you and your school district plan for your child's special needs in kindergarten. You should plan to attend this important meeting. Your child does not need to attend. This is your opportunity to ask questions and speak on behalf of your child. It does **not** take the place of kindergarten registration. You will still need to register your child with your district.



**Remember...this meeting does not register your child for kindergarten**