Bentonville Schools

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# 2027-2028 KINDERGARTEN WAIVER FORM

In accordance with A.C.A. § 6-18-201, I/we hereby give notice to Dr. Debbie Jones, Superintendent of Bentonville Schools District, Benton County, that my/our child:

Child's First Name _____

Child's Last Name _____

Date of Birth _____

Will be five (5) years old on or before August 1st, 2027 will **NOT** attend kindergarten during the **2027-2028 school year**. Further, I understand that an evaluation will be done to determine if my child will be placed either in first grade or kindergarten upon entering school.

_____ _____
Signature (Parent/Guardian) Date

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Address

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City State Zip

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**Kindergarten Enrollment:** Children may enter kindergarten in an Arkansas public school if they will attain the age of five (5) years on or before August 1 of the year in which they are seeking initial enrollment.

A child moving from another state may enter kindergarten upon written request to the school district if the child:

- Has been enrolled in a state-accredited or state-approved kindergarten program in another state for at least sixty (60) days;
- Will become five (5) years old during the year in which he or she is enrolled in kindergarten, and
- Meets the basic residency requirement for school attendance.

A parent, guardian, or other person residing within the state and having custody or charge of a child may elect for the child not to attend kindergarten if the child will not be six (6) years of age on August 1 of that school year. If an election is made, the parent, guardian, or other person having custody or charge of the child shall file a signed kindergarten waiver form with the local school district administrative office. Upon the filing of the kindergarten waiver form, the child shall not be required to attend kindergarten in that school year.

**First-Grade Enrollment:** Any child may enter the first grade in the public schools of this state if the child will attain the age of six (6) years during the school year in which the child is seeking enrollment and the child has successfully completed a kindergarten program in a public school in this state. If the child has not completed a state-accredited kindergarten program, the child shall be evaluated by the school district and may be placed in the first grade if the results of the evaluation justify placement in this first grade and the child's parent agrees with placement in the first grade. Otherwise, the child shall be placed in kindergarten.

A child moving from another state may enter first grade if the child:

- Has been enrolled in the first grade in a state-accredited or state-approved elementary school in another state for a period of at least sixty (60) days;
- Will become six (6) years of age during the school year in which the child is enrolled in grade one (1); and
- Meets the basic residency requirement for school attendance.

*Source: Ark. Code Ann. § 6-18-201 & 6-18-207.*