Kindergarten Starting Age Requirements & Waiver Option

Legislation

Legislation (MCL 380.1147) enacted in Michigan changes the minimum age requirement for children enrolling in kindergarten. The entry age gradually changed to require that children be five years old by September 1 rather than the previous cut-off date of December 1.

Age Waiver Option

If a parent or legal guardian wishes to enroll a child who is not five years old by September 1, but who is five years old on December 1 of the enrolling school year, the parent/guardian may exercise their right to waive the minimum age requirement by notifying the district in writing.

Age Requirements

The following deadlines apply unless legislation is revised:

School Year	Eligible to enroll if born on or before:	May enroll with waiver if born:	Ineligible to enroll if born on or after:
2018-19	Sept 1, 2013	Sept 2, 2013–Dec 1, 2013	Dec 2, 2013
2019-20	Sept 1, 2014	Sept 2, 2014–Dec 1, 2014	Dec 2, 2014
2020-21	Sept 1, 2015	Sept 2, 2015–Dec 1, 2015	Dec 2, 2015
2021-22	Sept 1, 2016	Sept 2, 2016-Dec 1, 2016	Dec 2, 2016

Age Waiver Notification

I intend to enroll my child in the Rockford Public Schools and I hereby exercise my right to waive the kindergarten age requirement for the following student.

Student Name _____

Date of Birth _____

Parent Address _____

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Parent/Legal Guardian Name (please print)	Parent Signature	Date