



Rockford Public Schools Kindergarten Starting Age Requirements & Waiver Option

Legislation

Michigan Legislation ([MCL 380.1147](#)) changed 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:
2022-23	Sept 1, 2017	Sept 2, 2017-Dec 1, 2017	Dec 2, 2017
2023-24	Sept 1, 2018	Sept 2, 2018-Dec 1, 2018	Dec 2, 2018
2024-25	Sept 1, 2019	Sept 2, 2019-Dec 1, 2019	Dec 2, 2019
2025-26	Sept 1, 2020	Sept 2, 2020-Dec 1, 2020	Dec 2, 2020

Age Waiver Notification

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

Student Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Address of Parent/Legal Guardian: _____

Parent/Legal Guardian Name

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature

Date

By checking this box and using a digital signature, I agree I am a legal parent or guardian of the above-named student.