

APPLICATION

Early Entrance to 5-Year-Old Kindergarten

(All applications must be received *prior* to August 1)

As the Board of Education policy (4011) indicates, children must be five years of age on or before September 1 to attend five-year-old kindergarten. The only exceptions are:

- Students who turn five years old between September 2 and October 15. Applicants must submit verification of the student’s birth date. Applications that indicate a child’s birth date is after October 15th will automatically be denied. There are no exceptions to this cut-off date. The MMSD early entrance cut-off date for children to enter 5K is September 1st and up to October 15th. Such students will only be considered for early entrance into five-year-old kindergarten upon parent/guardian request.
- Students who have completed a formal four-year-old kindergarten program, that is a Department of Public Instruction (DPI) recognized public, private, or parochial program, with a Kindergarten state licensed teacher, and a 4K-5th grade or 4K-8th grade continuum of curriculum where a formal records request can be submitted. (See the link to requirements in bulletin 1 of Early Entrance into 5 Year Old Kindergarten information on webpage).

Applications that indicate a child was 3 years old in a mixed age classroom does not qualify as completing a formal 4K program. The child was not enrolled as a 4 year old in a DPI public, private or parochial school program, with a Kindergarten state licensed teacher. There is a difference between a 3 year old year and a 4 year old in mixed age classrooms/programs.

Please see the following information for details of the requirements for this exception.

- Students who were admitted into five-year-old kindergarten in another public school district prior to moving into the Madison Metropolitan School District. Applicants must provide verification of enrollment and actual attendance in five-year-old kindergarten.

In order to request early entrance into five-year-old kindergarten parents/guardians MUST complete this application and submit all required verifications/documents with the application. Requests must be received by August 1. No applications will be accepted/approved after August 1st.

Child’s Name: _____
Date of Birth: _____
MMSD School of Residence: _____
Parent Name(s): _____
Child’s Address: _____
Phone(s): _____
Email(s): _____

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, MMSD schools are closed for the remainder of the school year. School psychologists will not be conducting testing until further notice.

Will your child be five years old on or before September 1? ___ Yes; ___ No
(If you answered no, **one** exception below may apply.)

1. If your child will not be five years old on or before September 1, will your child turn five years old between September 2 and October 15? ___ Yes; ___ No

Assessment Options (child's birthday is between September 2 and October 15 only) If your child's birthday is between September 2 and October 15, parents will be offered the opportunity to have their child assessed for kindergarten preparedness using standard psycho-educational assessments. We offer this as another point of information to help parents make this difficult decision. Requests for assessment received between May 16 and August 1 will be performed after August 1. You will be contacted over the summer to schedule an appointment with a district psychologist. **No assessments are conducted when school is not in session except through this process.**

- Would you like your child to complete a psycho-educational assessment?
_____ Yes; _____ No
 - Information regarding the results of the psycho-educational assessment should be provided to parents in: ___ Spanish ___ Hmong
 - The assessment of my child should be conducted in: ___ Spanish ___ Hmong
 - Language support for the psycho-educational assessment is needed in the following language (other than Spanish or Hmong):

2. Has your child successfully completed a **formal** four-year-old kindergarten program? (see detailed requirements for this exception at: <https://earlyed.madison.k12.wi.us/early-entrance-considerations-parents>)
_____ Yes; _____ No
 3. Was your child admitted into a five-year-old kindergarten in another District?
_____ Yes; _____ No

Name of Program/School District of attendance for five year old kindergarten (if applicable): _____

Address: _____
(Street City, State Zip Code)

Phone: _____ **Email:** _____

Parent Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

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