



# Linden Community Schools

## Young Fives Program

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### What is the Young Fives program?

Young Fives is an early childhood school based program designed to develop children's social, emotional and academic readiness for kindergarten. Please consider these factors before selecting this program:

- \* Young Fives is an educational alternative to kindergarten for young children.
- \* There is a full day as well as a half day option to support family needs.
- \* Students attend kindergarten the following school year.



### Who is eligible?

Young Fives is designed to meet the needs of children who will not reach the age of five until late in the calendar year.

### What to consider?

- \* Birthday
- \* Maturity level
- \* Previous school experiences (pre-school)
- \* Socialization experiences
- \* Age in relation to other classmates



### What is the Assessment Screening?

The evaluation for school readiness collects information on child development in order to identify students that would benefit from this program. All children considered for young fives will go through a screening process.

Parents/guardians interested in the young fives program should complete the Kindergarten Program Choice form and return it with their completed enrollment package. Early childhood staff will schedule a screening date to determine eligibility.