

Kindergarten Enrollment of Underage Children

State Law:

State law indicates children must be 5 years of age on or before August 15 to enroll in kindergarten.

A child who was enrolled in a Local Education Authority (LEA) pre-k program and attended for a minimum of 140 days shall attend kindergarten.

Parents/guardians may request to enroll a child in his/her zoned school if a child turns 5 years of age on or before September 30 of the current school year.

Underage Kindergarten Requirement: 5 years old on or before September 30 of the current school year

Underage Kindergarten Enrollment Procedures:

1. Parents/Guardians must submit a written request (6.201 Exhibit C) to the principal/designee of the child's zoned school for enrolling an under-aged child in kindergarten. The written request should include specific examples of the child's academic and social skills observed by the parent/guardian.
2. The principal/designee will schedule an evaluation to assess the child's academic and social/emotional abilities. The evaluation will consist of an informal social/emotional observation and the administration of the Kindergarten Readiness assessment.
3. A score of 100% is required for kindergarten enrollment.
4. Social/Emotional requirements are the ability to interact in a developmentally appropriate manner and follow the assessment directions.
5. Following completion of the evaluation, the principal/designee will schedule a conference with the parent/guardian to discuss evaluation results.
6. A child meeting the academic and social/emotional assessment requirements will be enrolled in kindergarten. A child not meeting the requirements must wait until the following year to enroll in kindergarten.