



KINDERGARTEN ENROLLMENT

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS FOR FAMILIES



The Indiana Department of Education (IDOE) is dedicated to providing guidance on educational Indiana Administrative Code. In Indiana, school corporations are required to provide kindergarten programs for eligible students who are five years old on or before August 1 annually. Enrollment for students who turn five after August 1 remains a local school decision.

? Are schools required to conduct an entrance test/screener to determine kindergarten admission?

No, this is a local determination. If schools utilize an entrance test, this may not be the only factor used to determine enrollment.

? If my child was denied enrollment into a kindergarten program and I am seeking enrollment in a Pre-K program, what questions should I ask?

How is the curriculum different than my child's previous year (if the student has already attended Pre-K)? How will this program meet my child's needs both academically and developmentally? How can I enrich my child's learning at home?

? Can I enroll my child in another kindergarten program if my local public school denies enrollment after August 1?

Yes. Options may include reaching out to a non-public school, another public school, or a preschool that offers kindergarten. Enrollment is still determined locally by these institutions.

? If I enroll my child in a kindergarten program outside of our local public school, and the following year enroll in our local public school, will they be placed in first grade?

Determination on whether the student will be placed in kindergarten or first grade is a local school decision. Contact your local school corporation to learn more regarding their policy.

