

# Kindergarten Registration Frequently Asked Questions

**My child does not turn 5 until August 1, 2023 (or after). Can I make a special request for him/her to go ahead and start kindergarten this year?**

Missouri Revised Statute Section 160.053 states that “a child is eligible for admission to kindergarten if the child reaches the age of five (5) before the first day of August of the school year beginning in that calendar year”, therefore a child with a birthdate of August 1st or after would not be eligible for kindergarten until the 2024-2025 school year.

For additional information, please visit the [Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education](#)

**Our appointment for immunizations isn't scheduled until the summer. Should I wait to begin the enrollment process until his/her immunizations are up to date?**

Immunization records **DO NOT** have to be complete to **ENROLL** your child for kindergarten. Your child needs to have all required immunizations when they **START** kindergarten in August. Go ahead and submit the incomplete immunization record and then submit the updated immunization record once he/she gets his/her shots before the start of school.

**When is Kindergarten screening? What is Kindergarten screening?**

Kindergarten screening will be held on Tuesday, March 21st and Thursday, March 23rd at Macon Elementary School. This should not be viewed as an "entrance exam", in that all age eligible children are welcome. Rather, it is a community service that serves the following purposes:

- To complete an individual assessment for each child;
- To identify any special needs and prepare for an early intervention;
- To provide parents with information about kindergarten readiness for their child;
- To derive an enrollment projection so we might plan for an appropriate class size in each of our kindergarten classrooms.

**Can I allow my child's grandparents, etc. to complete registration?**

A parent/legal guardian must complete the registration information and participate in the screening appointment.

**I have a kindergarten eligible child living with me but I am not a legal guardian. Can I enroll the student into kindergarten?**

Please call the Elementary office at 660-385-2118, and we will walk you through this process.

**When will I find out who my child's teacher will be?**

Classroom teacher placements will be set in August. You will be notified via email.

**Will my child be able to attend Summer School this Summer?**

Yes! All incoming Kindergarten students are welcome and encouraged to attend Summer School. It's a great way for them to become familiar with school routines. Watch our Facebook page and website for more information about Summer School dates and registration.