Early Enrollment into Kindergarten

What is the process for enrolling my child in kindergarten?

**Will your child be 5:**

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**Information**

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**Steps**

1. Contact the school your child will attend in order to enroll your child.

2. Ask for a copy of the school’s early enrollment policy.

**Results**

If you believe your child is academically and developmentally ready for the expectations of kindergarten:

1. Contact the school your child will attend and make a request for early enrollment.

2. Ask for a copy of the school’s early enrollment policy.

The results of the evaluation will give important information about the best placement for your child. The school will use this information to decide whether to admit your child for early enrollment.

Your child will begin school.