



Kindergarten Enrollment FAQ for Families

The Indiana Department of Education (IDOE) is dedicated to providing guidance for the Indiana Administrative Code. In Indiana, a school corporation is required to provide a kindergarten program for eligible students who are five years old on or before August 1, 2022. However, a school corporation may enroll a student who turns five by October 1, 2022 and still receive state tuition funding.

Enrollment for children with birthdays after August 1, 2022 is a local school decision.

Frequently Asked Questions	IDOE Answer
In determining kindergarten entrance, does the school have to conduct a test such as a screener?	→ No, this is up to the school. → If a test or screening is conducted, it may not be the only factor determining enrollment.
If my child was denied enrollment into a kindergarten program and I enroll my child in a Pre-K program, what should I ask?	→ How is the curriculum different than last year? (if attended Pre-K last year) → How will you meet my child's needs academically and social-emotionally? → How can I enrich my child at home?
Can I enroll my child in another kindergarten program if my local public school denies enrollment to students after August 1, 2022?	→ Other options may include reaching out to a non-public school, another public school system, or a preschool offering kindergarten. → It is up to those individual schools.
If I enroll my child into another kindergarten program outside of our local public school, will they be enrolled next year into first grade at my local public school?	→ It is up to the school on whether they place your child in kindergarten or first grade. Reach out to your local school to learn more about their policy.