

Michigan's  
**Kindergarten**  
Entry Requirements



Macomb Intermediate School District



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Macomb Intermediate School District:  
**Service, Support and Leadership**

**VISION**

We are the Macomb Intermediate School District.

We provide quality service to special education and general education students, instructional and technical support to school staff, and cutting-edge educational leadership in Macomb County.

We are committed to all the students of Macomb County. To serve them well, we are resolute in involving parents, school personnel, and the community at large, including business, government, and civic organizations as active partners in planning, delivering and evaluating our services.

We work directly with individuals with disabilities who reside in Macomb County School Districts. We serve students of all ages, from newborns to adults, meeting their unique learning needs and supporting their families all along the way.

Within the twenty-one local districts and public charter schools, we focus our efforts on building capacity with school staff. Through quality training and instructional support, we increase their knowledge, skills and abilities so all students receive a rigorous and effective educational experience.

We promote all aspects of the educational process through our development and support of technology. We provide training in the use of essential technology tools that enhance curricular, instructional and administrative services in our schools and, as a result, opportunities are expanded for all.

We work collaboratively with colleges and universities and are leaders in state and national programs. We anticipate needs and opportunities, all with the single purpose of identifying, developing and implementing programs and practices that, through education, improve the quality of life in Macomb County.

The Macomb Intermediate School District (MISD) is an Equal Opportunity Employer. It is the policy of the MISD that no person on the basis of race, creed, color, religion, national origin, age, sex, height, weight, marital status, or disability shall be discriminated against, excluded from participation in, denied the benefits of, or otherwise be subjected to discrimination in any program or activity for which the MISD is responsible. Inquiries regarding compliance with Section 504, Title IX, or the Americans with Disabilities Act may be directed to: Rosetta K. Mullen, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources/Legal Affairs and Coordinator under Section 504, Macomb Intermediate School District, 44001 Garfield Road, Clinton Township, Michigan 48038-1100, (586) 228-3309.

## **PUBLIC ACT 0198 OF 2012\***

Effective June 26, 2012

### THE ACT in brief:

The entry age for Kindergarten in a Michigan public school or public school academy will be gradually changed to require children to be 5 years old by September 1, rather than the current cutoff date of December 1.

Michigan joins the majority of states that require students to reach age 5 before enrolling in a public school and/or public school academy. The requirement will be fully implemented for the 2015–16 school year.

Kindergarten is a great opportunity for learning but is voluntary in the State of Michigan, meaning that kindergarten attendance is permitted but not required.\*\*

[\\*State of Michigan, 96th Legislature, Regular Session of 2012](#)

[\\*\\* MI Revised School Code 380.1147: Enrollment of children in Kindergarten](#)

THE ACT specifically states:

For the 2012 – 2013 school year:

A child who resides in a public school district\* or public school academy providing kindergarten may enroll in kindergarten if the child is at least 5 years of age on DECEMBER 1 of the school year of enrollment.

Every child who is five years old on or before December 1, 2012 may go to a public school or public school academy kindergarten free of charge.

For the 2013 –2014 school year:

A child who resides in a public school district\* or public school academy providing kindergarten may enroll in kindergarten if the child is at least 5 years of age on NOVEMBER 1, 2013.

Every child who is five years old on or before November 1, 2013 may go to a public school or public school academy kindergarten free of charge.

For the 2014 – 2015 school year:

A child who resides in a public school district \* or public school academy providing kindergarten may enroll in kindergarten if the child is at least 5 years of age on OCTOBER 1, 2014.

Every child who is five years old on or before October 1, 2014 may go to a public school or public school academy kindergarten free of charge.

For the 2015 – 2016 school year:

A child who resides in a public school district\* or public school academy providing kindergarten may enroll in kindergarten if the child is at least 5 years of age on SEPTEMBER 1, 2015.

Every child who is five years old on or before September 1, 2015 may go to a public school or public school academy kindergarten free of charge.

\*Every Macomb County Public School District provides kindergarten programming.

You should also know that

- If a **child residing in a school district** is not 5 years of age on the enrollment eligibility date specified on the previous page, but will be 5 years of age not later than December 1 of a school year, the parent or legal guardian of that child:

may enroll the child in kindergarten for that school year **if** they notify the school district in writing not later than **June 1** prior to the beginning of the school year that they intend to enroll the child.

- If a **child not 5 years of age** on the enrollment eligibility date specified on the previous page, but will be 5 years of age not later than December 1 of a school year, **becomes a resident of the school district after June 1**, the parent or legal guardian of that child:

may enroll the child in kindergarten for that school year **if** they notify the school district in writing not later than **August 1** prior to the beginning of the school year that they intend to enroll the child.

- A school district receiving either of the above notifications may make a recommendation to the parent or legal guardian of the child that the child is not ready to enroll in kindergarten due to the child's age or other factors. HOWEVER, regardless of such recommendation, the parent or legal guardian retains the sole discretion to determine whether to enroll the child in kindergarten.
- The ages set forth in this legislation regarding a child's eligibility for enrollment in a MI school district also apply to a child's eligibility to enroll in a MI public school academy.

Act No. 198  
Public Acts of 2012  
Approved by the Governor  
June 26, 2012  
EFFECTIVE DATE: June 26, 2012

**STATE OF MICHIGAN**  
**96TH LEGISLATURE**  
**REGULAR SESSION OF 2012**

*Introduced by Rep. Franz*

*The People of the State of Michigan enact:*

Sec. 1147. (1) A child who is a resident of a school district that does not provide kindergarten and who is at least 5 years of age on the first day of enrollment of the school year may attend school in the school district.

(2) In a school district that provides kindergarten, until the 2013-2014 school year, a child who is a resident of the school district may enroll in the kindergarten if the child is at least 5 years of age on December 1 of the school year of enrollment.

Subject to subsection (3), for the 2013-2014 school year, a child who resides in the school district may enroll in kindergarten if the child is at least 5 years of age on November 1, 2013.

Subject to subsection (3), for the 2014-2015 school year, a child who resides in the school district may enroll in kindergarten if the child is at least 5 years of age on October 1, 2014.

Subject to subsection (3), beginning with the 2015-2016 school year, a child who resides in the school district may enroll in kindergarten if the child is at least 5 years of age on September 1 of the school year of enrollment.

(3) If a child residing in the school district is not 5 years of age on the enrollment eligibility date specified in subsection (2), but will be 5 years of age not later than December 1 of a school year, the parent or legal guardian of that child may enroll the child in kindergarten for that school year if the parent or legal guardian notifies the school district in writing not later than June 1 before the beginning of the school year that he or she intends to enroll the child in kindergarten. If a child described in this subsection becomes a resident of the school district after June 1, the child's parent or legal guardian may enroll the child in kindergarten for that school year if the parent or legal guardian submits this written notification to the school district not later than August 1 before the beginning of that school year.

A school district that receives this written notification may make a recommendation to the parent or legal guardian of a child described in this subsection that the child is not ready to enroll in kindergarten due to the child's age or other factors.

However, regardless of this recommendation, the parent or legal guardian retains the sole discretion to determine whether or not to enroll the child in kindergarten under this subsection.

**Early learning – it's everybody's business.** Join in the critical challenge to ensure our young children have the opportunity to succeed in life and, in the process, build a healthy and thriving community. There's a role for everyone. Find out what you can do. Check out the following resources:

#### **A BiLINGUAL Website for Parents**

A bilingual website (English/Spanish) created for parents to help their children become good readers and successful students. <http://www.colorincolorado.org/parents>

#### **Directory of Children's Services**

A Directory of Services for Macomb County families and children. <http://www.misd.net/Earlychild/PDF/directory.pdf>

#### **Getting School Ready**

A free guide for parents, early childhood educators, caregivers, kindergarten teachers, communities, schools and everyone who touches a child's life. Available in seven languages. <http://www.gettingschoolready.org/parents-and-caregivers/gsr/English.pdf>

#### **Great Parents, Great Start 1-866-4-MACOMB or 1-866-462-2662**

Call toll-free in Macomb County for information on community activities and events for young children or for information regarding your young child's (birth-60 months) development. <http://www.misd.net/greatparents/gpgsflyer.pdf>

#### **Great Start Macomb**

Great Start Macomb is committed to establishing and maintaining a comprehensive early childhood system addressing all factors influencing your child's readiness for school and life. <http://www.greatstartmacomb.org>

#### **Guide to Family Fun**

From museums, nature centers, local libraries and theaters to activities at home, you will find endless possibilities for enjoyment, learning and relaxation throughout the year. <http://www.misd.net/Earlychild/PDF/GuidetoFamilyFun.pdf>

#### **How Parents Can Be Involved at Home**

Parent involvement plays out in a variety of form. This tip sheet gives ideas to use at home. <http://www.migreatparents.org/parentsinvolved.pdf>

#### **Kindergarten Transition PARENT GUIDES**

This resource is a series of tip sheets highlighting a variety of questions parents may have when their children are entering kindergarten. [http://www.michigan.gov/mde/0,1607,7-140-5234\\_6809-152726--,00.html](http://www.michigan.gov/mde/0,1607,7-140-5234_6809-152726--,00.html)

#### **101 Books to Read with Your Child Before Kindergarten**

Children begin getting ready to read long before they start school. Start from birth and help your child become a reader. <http://www.misd.net/Training/Flyers/101bookstoread.pdf>

#### **10 Tips for Parents of Young Children**

Help your young child discover the joy of reading while you enjoy the journey. <http://www.rif.org/kids/leadingtoreading/en/grown-ups/articles/readingtips.htm>

**Your Guide to the First Six Years.** This guide is designed as both a place for you to store precious memories of your baby's early childhood as well as a guide for information on developmental milestones and activities to support your child's development.

[http://greatstartmacomb.org/downloads/Resources/AllWaysGrowingbook\\_1\\_.pdf](http://greatstartmacomb.org/downloads/Resources/AllWaysGrowingbook_1_.pdf)