



Kindergarten Enrollment Guidance

Check out the IDOE Kindergarten webpage here: www.doe.in.gov/kindergarten

The Indiana Department of Education (IDOE) is dedicated to providing guidance for the Indiana Administrative Code. This document provides parents with information about the 2020 kindergarten enrollment law as well as answers to frequently asked questions.

[IDOE Memo on Kindergarten Enrollment](#)

In Indiana, a school corporation is required to provide a kindergarten program for eligible students that are five years old on or before August 1, 2020. However, a school corporation may enroll a student who turns five by October 1, 2020 and still receive state tuition funding.

Enrollment after August 1, 2020 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?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → 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?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → 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, 2020?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → It is up to the school. → Other options may include reaching out to a non-public school or another public school system.
If I enroll my child into another kindergarten program (outside of your local public school), will they be enrolled next year into first grade at my local public school?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → It is up to the school on whether they enroll your child in kindergarten or first grade. Reach out to your local school to ask what their policy states.