

Ready for Kindergarten?

A New Law Has **CHANGED** the Entry Age.

2013-14 School Year

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

2014-15 School Year

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

2015-16 School Year

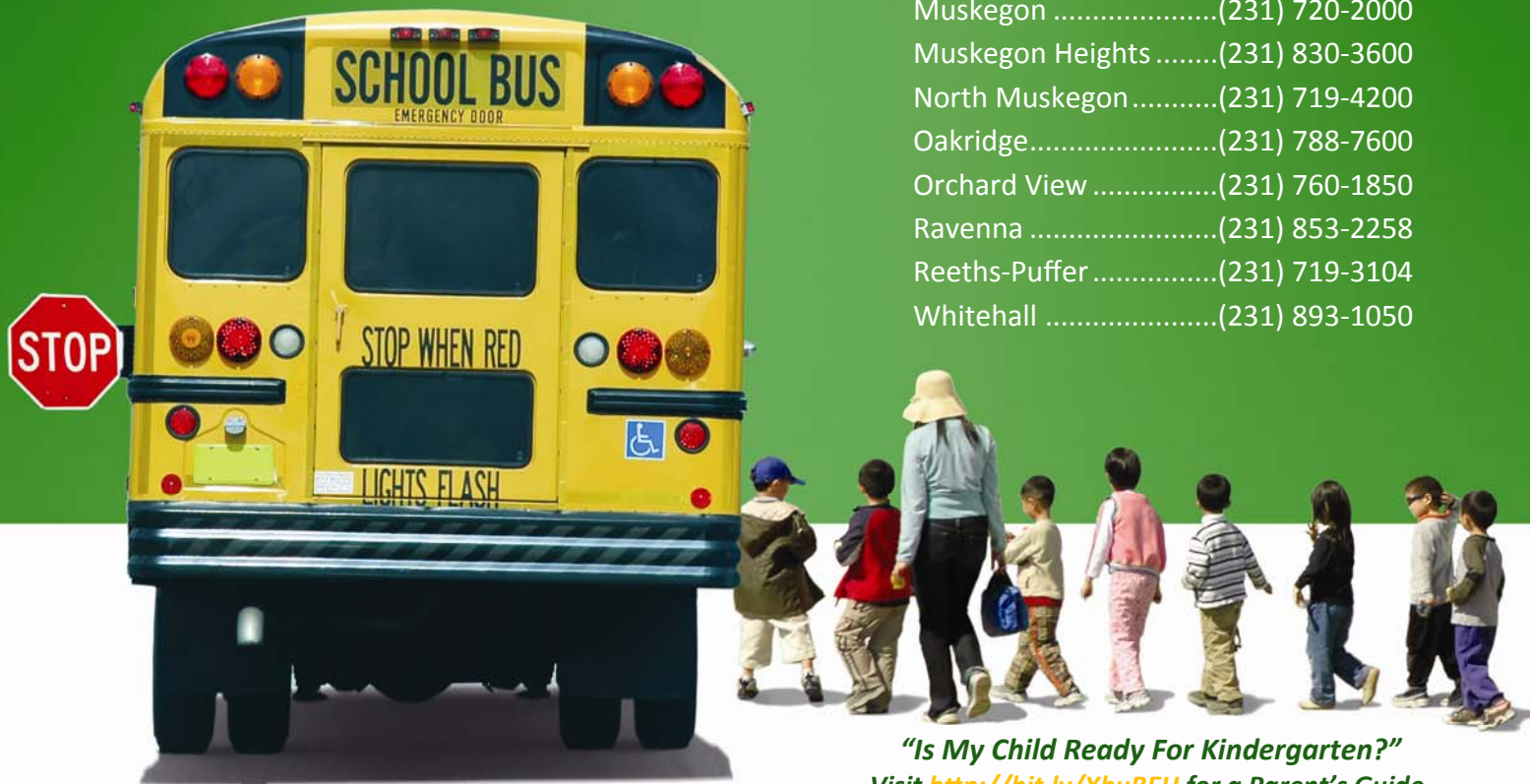
A child who resides in a public school district or public school academy providing kindergarten may enroll if the child is at least 5 years of age on **SEPTEMBER 1, 2015.**

If the child is not age eligible for kindergarten enrollment per the guidelines specified but will be five years old by December 1st, the child's parent or legal guardian can submit a waiver to enroll their student in school. A parent or legal guardian retains the sole discretion to enroll their child in kindergarten through use of a waiver that must be submitted to the local school district by June 1st. No waivers will be offered after June 1, 2015. Please contact your local school district for more information.

QUESTIONS ?

Contact your local school district:

- Fruitport(231) 865-4001
- Holton(231) 821-1825
- Mona Shores.....(231) 780-4748
- Montague(231) 894-9018
- Muskegon(231) 720-2000
- Muskegon Heights(231) 830-3600
- North Muskegon.....(231) 719-4200
- Oakridge.....(231) 788-7600
- Orchard View(231) 760-1850
- Ravenna(231) 853-2258
- Reeths-Puffer(231) 719-3104
- Whitehall(231) 893-1050



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Details of the New Law

State of Michigan: Act. No. 198 - Effective 6/26/12

<http://1.usa.gov/Va1rww>

- If a child residing in a school district is not 5 years of age on the enrollment eligibility date specified, 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 is not 5 years of age on the enrollment eligibility date specified, but will be 5 years of age not later than December 1 of a school year and 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.**



Preschool Enrollment Entry Age

The changes in Kindergarten eligibility dates (not including the June 1 waiver possibility) directly impact Great Start Readiness Program (GSRP) and Head Start preschool eligibility. For the 2013-14 school year a child must be 4-years-old by November 1, 2013, for GSRP enrollment and ages 3 or 4 by November 1, 2013, for Head Start.