

## Why is Young 5s Kindergarten Good for Kids?

Children must turn 5 by September 1st to enroll in kindergarten. If they turn 5 by December 1st, they must have a waiver completed with their school. Young 5s classrooms benefit children with birthdays closest to Sept. - Dec. 1st as this gives them an extra year to grow socially and emotionally. ([www.dearbornschools.org](http://www.dearbornschools.org))

Young 5s Kindergarten provides children with an opportunity to learn in an enriching and academically challenging environment that nurtures their growth. Research shows that children who attend kindergarten readiness programs like Young 5s Kindergarten are more likely to do well in school and attend college.

Many parents who have recognized the benefits of Young 5s Kindergarten have been enrolling their children in similar programs, public and private, for years. This Young 5s Kindergarten will help all of our kids get the best possible start, with a curriculum that is designed just for them.

### Enrollment Procedure:

- 1 - All kindergarten parents attend kindergarten roundup at their home school (including any potential Young 5s).
- 2 - All families complete enrollment paperwork at their home school.
- 3 - If there are no Young 5s classrooms at their home school, or if there is no space in existing program, administrators will refer families to buildings with Young 5s program.
- 4 - Young 5s parent contacts principal of the building with the Young 5s program and their child is placed on the waiting list. Available student slots are released to non-home school students on June 1st on a first-come first-served basis.
- 5 - Parents will be notified of slot availability by the final day of the school year. The wait list will be maintained until the start of the school year as changes often occur over the summer.



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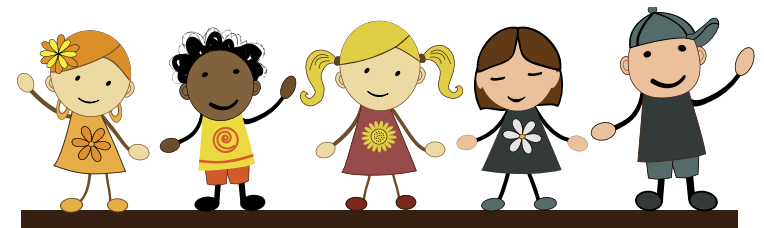
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# Young 5s Kindergarten

**\* A Strong Start for Young Learners \***



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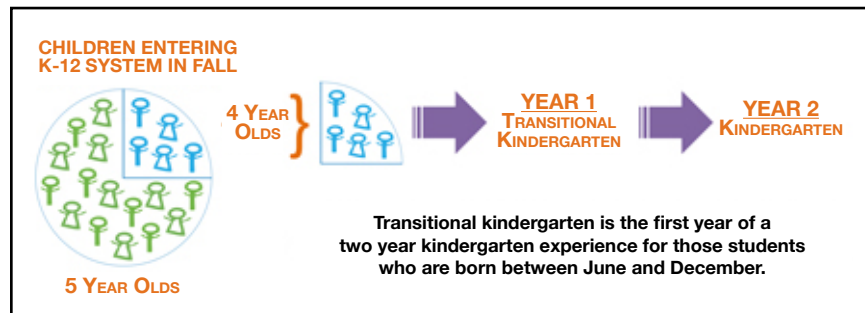


## Introduction: Young 5s Kindergarten

Entering kindergarten is an exciting time for children! This new chapter sets the tone for a child's future. Kindergarten standards and curriculum have changed over the years, and many of the skills children were once taught in first grade are now expected in kindergarten. This is just one reason why states, including Michigan, have a September 1st cutoff date for enrollment. Educators and researchers know that these few months make a huge difference in what a child is ready to learn.

The good news is that Young 5s Kindergarten sets children up for the opportunity to learn in a hands-on, interactive way that supports their development while still maintaining the rigor and high standards of success.

Young 5s Kindergarten is now being offered for children who need the time and opportunity to continue building their skills and abilities. Their time in Young 5s Kindergarten will help them succeed in kindergarten, become leaders in the classroom, and confidently navigate the school day routine.



## What is Young 5s Kindergarten?

Young 5s Kindergarten is a bridge between preschool and kindergarten. It gives young learners a head start and provides them with an opportunity to learn and grow in an environment that is tailored to meet their academic and social needs.

## What Happens in a Young 5s Kindergarten Classroom?

In Young 5s Kindergarten, teachers help children develop through a thematic, hands-on approach. They expose children to reading and math in an exciting, interactive way by using educational games to teach children about words and sentences and help them understand mathematical concepts like counting and patterns.

- \* **Classroom:** Young 5s Kindergarteners have their own classroom with their own teacher in a smaller class setting.
- \* **Length of school day:** They attend a full day of school.
- \* **Shared activities:** They participate in all kindergarten activities, such as music, art, and gym throughout the year.
- \* **Curriculum and learning:** They learn important new academic and social skills that build on previous learning that will help them adjust to the elementary school environment.
- \* **Learning environment:** Research shows that children must first have a strong base in language. Children will build a strong language base by rhyming, patterning, playing with words, listening to stories, etc. Young 5s Kindergarten students are saturated with these concepts in a fun yet challenging way.

## Who Attends Young 5s Kindergarten?

Young 5s Kindergarten is for children whose birthdays occur between June 15th and December 1st and/or for those children who need the time and opportunity to develop their abilities and skills.

*“Students that attended Dearborn Public Schools Young 5s program showed higher student achievement in kindergarten and first grade compared to comparably-aged students that did not attend Young Fives.” - Director of Assessment, Research and Evaluation, Dearborn Public Schools*