

# Frequently Asked Questions

## Midland Public Schools Young Fives Kindergarten Program

### **How/Where/When do I register?**

Registration begins on February 1 and concludes on April 30, 2018. Registration packets are available from:

- MPS Website ([HERE](#))
- Jolene Laetz, MPS Administration Center

Please also fill out the [Young Five Parent/Student Profile \(HERE\)](#)

Parents or guardians can drop off the completed registration packet with required documents to Jolene Laetz at the MPS Administration Center, 600 E. Carpenter Street, Midland, MI.

### **Is there a cost?**

There is no cost for the Young Fives Kindergarten Program.

### **How will students be selected for the program?**

If the program receives more applications than there are slots available, a lottery system will be used to determine who receives a space in the class. A waiting list will be created to capture the names of students who are waiting for a slot. Contact will be made with the family, if a slot opens for your student.

### **Can families register for both the Young Fives kindergarten and kindergarten?**

This would be a parental choice. Please know that a commitment to the Young Fives Kindergarten Program will be needed once selection lotteries have concluded.

### **I realize that this is a two year commitment, a commitment for both Young Fives and kindergarten the following year. Can my student attend their home area school for kindergarten?**

Students would attend the Young Fives Kindergarten Program at the Early Childhood Center at Carpenter Street School and then return to their home school for their kindergarten year. If a family would like to choose a school other than their home school for kindergarten, they would submit a Schools of Choice Application available on the Midland Public Schools website.

### **If the teacher of the Young Fives Kindergarten Program feels that the student would be a more appropriate fit for kindergarten, may the student move into kindergarten during the school year?**

We will always aim to recommend the best decision for the child's educational outcomes. With that said, mobility amongst levels will likely be rare. If movement were to occur, it must happen within the first marking period as the curricular gap will widen as time progresses.

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### **Will there be transportation provided?**

Transportation will be provided for MPS students who live within Midland Public Schools boundaries.

### **Is there before school care and after school care for the program?**

Yes. The Early Childhood Center at Carpenter Street School will have before and after school care. Normal fees assessed by the providing program will apply.

### **What will a typical day look like, curriculum- and activity-wise?**

The Young Fives Kindergarten Program will use a modified kindergarten curriculum. The program is child-centered and provides additional time for emotional, social, intellectual and physical growth through learning activities that foster development in the following areas: language arts, mathematics, science, social studies, fine motor skill development, physical education, art, music, Spanish and technology.

### **How many students will be in the classroom?**

The classroom will follow the same classroom maximum as kindergarten, which is 25.

### **What will the start times and end times be?**

Start and end times for school have not yet been solidified. The times will be posted on the Midland Public Schools website once they have been determined.

### **Will Special Services be available, if students need them?**

Yes. If a student qualifies to receive Special Services, they will be provided to the student.

### **If a child is not five by September 1<sup>st</sup>, will they need a waiver to enter the program?**

Yes. The program will follow the same protocols as kindergarten. The waiver form is included in the enrollment packet at the school and on the website. Student must be born on or before December 1, 2013 (student must be five years of age on or before December 1, 2018, in order to attend the Young Fives Kindergarten Program).