

Fall Birthday?

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YOUNG FIVES

at Grand Blanc Community Schools



**Will your child turn five between
September 1st & December 1st of this year?**

In accordance with state law, you must sign a waiver requesting the student be allowed to attend a Kindergarten Program in the state of Michigan.

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Why should parents/guardians of children with fall birthdays consider a Young Fives Kindergarten program for their child?

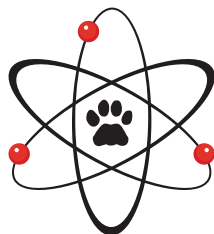
Most states, including Michigan, have a cut-off date stating children must be five by September 1st to begin Kindergarten. This policy is based on extensive research showing that most children are ready for Kindergarten across cognitive and social-emotional domains at five and a half years of age. Many children who turn five in summer or fall of their entry year may benefit from Young Fives programs.

Highlights of GBCS Young Fives:

- The goal of the Young Fives program at Grand Blanc Community Schools is to offer students the “gift of time” to prepare for a successful school experience. Young Fives serves as a bridge between preschool and Kindergarten.
- **Enrollment is limited!** Young Fives is designed for children who turn five between June 1st and December 1st. If there is a waiting list, priority is given to children with fall birthdays. Students are selected based on parent request and a district screening process.
- Young Fives is held at select elementary buildings depending on district and building enrollment demands.
- Young Fives places a greater emphasis on play and exploration, while developing core skills for reading, math, science and social-emotional development. Curriculum is focused on introduction and exploration, rather than mastery of Kindergarten skills and concepts.

Similarities between Kindergarten and Young Fives:

- Both are full-day programs
- They both provide opportunities for students to build social- emotional, academic and creative learning
- Both provide Music, Art, Physical Education, and Library
- Include lunch, recess, and all school assemblies
- Provide school-wide support services and resources
- Teachers in both Young Fives and Kindergarten are state-certified and specialize in early childhood educational teaching practices.



Young Fives is the first of a two-year kindergarten program.

It's a full-day program that follows the regular school calendar. Please indicate on the waiver if you would like your student to be considered for Young Fives placement. ***All students with fall birthdays will be considered as likely enrollees in the Young Fives program and will have priority on waiting lists.***