

Essexville-Hampton Public Schools

Bush Elementary

Kindergarten/ Young Fives Registration Information

Kindergarten Registration Checklist:

- Child's birth certificate (must have raised seal)
- Child's current immunization record
- Child's vision and hearing test results (from doctor, or health department)
- 2 Proofs of residency: a driver's license and a piece of mail that contains your name and address- utility bills work.
- We will make a copy of this information for your child's CA-60 and return the originals to you.

Kindergarten

Registration Dates:



March 7 & 8	8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
March 9	3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Please bring the documents listed in the blue checklist box to the left.



Additional Information:

Bush Elementary offers an in-house daycare that operates from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. For more information, please contact Melinda Ross at rossm@e-hps.net.

If your child needs to be bussed to or from school, please return the transportation form provided in the back-to-school packet. For questions related to bussing, please contact Everett Jacobs at jacobse@e-hps.net.

A Kindergarten Transition Parent Guide, created by the Michigan Department of Education, is attached in the link below. It is a valuable resource that provides tip sheets covering a variety of topics for parents who have children entering kindergarten.
https://www.michigan.gov/mde/0,4615.7-140-6530_6809-152726--,00.html



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Kindergarten Registration Frequently Asked Questions

A Michigan law amended the Revised School Code (MCL 380.1147), which changed the minimum age requirement for a child enrolling in Kindergarten. The entry age for Kindergarten in a Michigan public school changed to require children to be 5 years of age by September 1st. This change was implemented in the 2015-2016 school year.

Question	Answer
What is the age that my child must be to enter Kindergarten in the fall of 2022?	Children who are 5 on or before September 1st, 2022, are eligible for Kindergarten.
Is it possible to enroll my child in Kindergarten this year if he/ she turns 5 between September 1st and December 1st?	Yes, however you must inform the school district in writing that you intend to enroll your child in Kindergarten early. This must be done prior to the start of the school year.
Who decides if my child is ready for Kindergarten if their birthday falls between September 1st and December 1st?	After a Kindergarten screening, recommendations are made by the school district about whether a child is ready for Kindergarten. However, the parent always has the right to decide whether or not to enroll their child.
What happens if my child isn't quite ready?	Bush Elementary offers a Young-Fives program. This allows children extra time to be prepared for Kindergarten. The Young-Fives program is five days a week and follows K-1 school hours.
What is Young-Fives?	In Young-Fives, children learn about the alphabet/ sounds, and counting, as well as how to work with peers. This is also an opportunity for children to learn what school is about.
Will these dates and rules change again next year?	The September 1st date will remain unless there is new legislation. Parents rights to request early entry will also remain unless there is new legislation as well.
What is a Kindergarten screening?	A Kindergarten screening is an assessment that helps determine appropriate placement. The assessment takes approximately 10 minutes and includes: letter/ number recognition, writing, language skills, and gross motor skills.

OBTAINING YOUR CHILD'S BIRTH CERTIFICATE



YOUR CHILD'S BIRTH CERTIFICATE MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE COUNTY IN WHICH YOUR CHILD WAS BORN. PLEASE SEE BELOW FOR THE CONTACT INFORMATION FOR BAY, SAGINAW, AND MIDLAND COUNTIES.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

WHO CAN GET A COPY OF MY CHILD'S BIRTH CERTIFICATE?

Anyone listed on the birth certificate or a legal guardian.

HOW MUCH DOES IT COST TO GET A BIRTH CERTIFICATE?

The fees vary from \$14- \$21.

WHAT DO I NEED TO REQUEST A BIRTH CERTIFICATE?

A valid driver's license or other certified form of ID with a photograph. (Military ID, State issued or passport)

CAN I REQUEST A BIRTH CERTIFICATE ONLINE?

Yes, most counties offer online service.



Bay County
515 Center Ave. Ste. 101
Bay City, Michigan 48708

<https://www.baycounty-mi.gov/Clerk/BirthCertificates.aspx>
989-895-4280

Saginaw County
111 S. Michigan Ave.
Saginaw, Michigan 48602

<https://www.baycounty-mi.gov/Clerk/BirthCertificates.aspx>
(989) 790-5251

Midland County
220 W. Ellsworth Street
Midland, Michigan 48640
(989)832-6739

<https://co.midland.mi.us/CountyClerk/VitalRecordsBirths.DeathsandMarriages.aspx>

IMMUNIZATIONS



THE STATE OF MICHIGAN REQUIRES CHILDREN TO HAVE AGE-APPROPRIATE VACCINATIONS TO ENROLL IN SCHOOL UNLESS A VALID EXEMPTION APPLIES*THE FOLLOWING ARE REQUIRED VACCINATIONS FOR CHILDREN ENTERING KINDERGARTEN OR YOUNG-FIVES.

WWW.CDC.GOV/VACCINES/PARENTS/DOWNLOADS/PARENT-VER-SCH-0-6YRS-BW.PDF

- 5 doses DTap
- 4 doses Polio
- 3 doses Hepatitis B
- 2 doses MMR
- 2 doses Varicella

For a valid exemption from vaccinations, a parent must provide one of the following waiver forms. To obtain a waiver, a legal guardian must call (989)895-4009 to make an appointment.

- **Non-medical Immunization Waiver Form** - The Bay County Health Department must certify the waiver for religious or other objections to the vaccines.
- **Medical Contraindication Form** - This medical waiver must be completed by a physician verifying that there is a medical reason that prevents a child from vaccinations.
- For more information about immunizations, please call the Bay County Health Department at (989)895-4009. The attached link is the most current schedule for the immunization clinic.

<https://www.baycountymi.gov/Docs/Health/Imms/Immunization%20Clinics.pdf>

HEARING AND VISION TESTING

ACCORDING TO THE MICHIGAN PUBLIC HEALTH CODE, CHILDREN ENTERING KINDERGARTEN MUST HAVE THEIR VISION AND HEARING TESTED BEFORE THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL.

- If your child attends preschool in Bay County, please check with the preschool director to see if a vision and hearing screening has been scheduled.
- If your child does not attend preschool, please contact the Bay County Health Department to schedule an appointment.
<https://www.baycountymi.gov/Health/hearingvisionscreening.aspx>
- Once your child has been screened, please provide the documentation to the school office.

