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Subject: Kindergarten Entrance and Average Daily Membership (ADM) Funding

State law allows school corporations to receive state funding for kindergarten students who are at least five years of age by October 1 of any given school year. In determining ADM for the 2026-2027 school year, each kindergarten student who is at least five years of age on Thursday, October 1, will be provided ADM funding. A student who receives a waiver to participate in kindergarten for the 2026-2027 school year and is not at least age five by Thursday, October 1, will not generate tuition support and should not be counted for purposes of ADM.

Per Indiana law, a student must be at least five years of age on August 1 of the school year in order to participate in a kindergarten program at a school corporation, unless the student receives a waiver. School corporations may adopt an appeal procedure to allow a parent to request a waiver for early entrance for a student who is not at least five years of age on August 1.

Contact the Indiana Department of Education's (IDOE's) [Office of Student Assessment](#) or [Office of School Finance](#) with any questions.