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YOUNG 5 PROGRAM REQUEST
2021-2022 School Year

The Young 5 program is an alternative program at St. Johns Public Schools for children whose parents feel that their child is not ready for a traditional kindergarten. Please refer to the FAQ for specific details about the program.

Eligibility requirements to request Young 5s:

- Family must reside within the St. Johns Public School district boundaries.
Child must be 5 years old on or before December 1, 2021. Priority is given to those children with birthdays between September 2 and December 1.
Young 5 Request Form submitted
District enrollment forms and all required documentation MUST accompany this request form. Forms are available at www.sjredwings.org/aboutus/studentenrollment.
Children who will turn 5 between September 2 and December 1 must also submit an "Age Waiver Request" form.

Please return forms to the District Office of the district before April 9, 2021. Final determination and placement notification for the Young 5 program will be before Friday, April 23, 2021.

Yes No I am interested in my child attending traditional kindergarten if he/she is not placed in the Young 5 program.

Student Information

Student's Full Name: Birth Date

Address:

Date of Birth:

Parent/Guardian Information

Parent Name(s):

Cell Phone: Work Phone:

Email:

Parent Signature: Date:

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Frequently Asked Questions

Who is eligible for the Young 5 Program?

- Any child who is 5 years old before December 1. Children who turn 5 between September 2 and December 1 must submit an Age Waiver request form. Children born after December 1 are not eligible as the state requires students to be “kindergarten age eligible.”

What is the purpose of the Young 5 Program?

- Our Young 5 Program recognizes that not all children are ready for a traditional kindergarten classroom. The Young 5 program provides a “gift of time” for those students who may not have reached some developmental milestones - socially, emotionally and academically. Our program will help them build confidence and self-esteem while laying a strong academic foundation for future success in their school years.

How are students selected for the Young 5 Program?

- Our Young 5 program is limited to 1 classroom of students. Therefore, a lottery system will be used to determine placement. In order to be included in the lottery parents need to submit the Young 5 Program Request form along with all other required enrollment documentation before the deadline.
- Priority is given to students who require an “Age Waiver Request,” having birthdays between September 2 and December 1. If space is available then a lottery system will be used for those students with birthdays between June 1 and September 1.

How does the Young 5 program differ from kindergarten?

- The Young 5 program is not intended to replace Kindergarten. It’s an extra year for students to develop at their own pace while still having the experience of school. The goal for the children in the Young 5 program is to enter kindergarten confidently with the necessary foundational pre-kindergarten skills.

What is the Young 5 program schedule and format?

- A full-day program that meets 5 days per week. This will follow the K-12 school calendar.

Where will the Young 5 program classroom be located?

- Gateway Elementary. The Young 5 Program is open to any student in our district who meets the eligibility above.

Will transportation be available for students in the Young 5 Program?

- Yes. Bus transportation is available for students. Those students who reside in the Eureka and Riley elementary boundaries will ride the bus with their middle school and high school counterparts.

What is the cost for my child to be in the Young 5 Program?

- There is NO COST to our families as this program is eligible for the state foundation grant for school funding.

Who is teaching the Young 5 Program?

- The Young 5 Program classroom will be taught by a certified teacher eligible to teach kindergarten.

Who should I contact if I have more questions regarding the Young 5 Program?

- SJPS Curriculum Director, Jason Gnegy. jgnegy@sjredwings.org or 989-227-4000