



# Early Kindergarten Admission Information

The Maricopa Unified School District's kindergarten entrance policy states that children may attend kindergarten if they are five years of age before September 1st of that school year. This policy does allow for exceptions to be made for children that turn five years of age between September 1st and December 31st.

Exceptions will be made when it is clear that the child exhibits academic, social, and emotional skills that would make him/her a successful kindergarten student.

***Please Note: Early admission to kindergarten will be done on a provisional basis. If after the first 30 school days there is a question about the readiness of your child for kindergarten placement a meeting will be held between the principal, teacher and parents to determine the next steps.***

Maricopa Unified School District (MUSD) has identified a process to determine whether the kindergarten program is the best environment for an age exception child.

**Step One:** Parents can register their child for kindergarten during MUSD ***Kindergarten Roundup on April 5th***, located at all of our elementary sites.

**Step Two:** After completion of the registration packet, parents can set up a Early Kindergarten Screening appointment at 520-568-5100 ext. 1000 or at [gbrown@musd20.org](mailto:gbrown@musd20.org). All screening will take place at the District Office at 44150 W. Maricopa - Casa Grande Hwy.

## Early Kindergarten Screening Dates are May 31st & June 1st 2017.

***These will be the ONLY dates available for Early Kindergarten Screening.***

**Step Three:** Parents are required to fill out the MUSD Early Admissions Parent Checklist at the time of screening.

**Step Four:** After the screening is completed parents will receive results of the assessment and notification if their child is accepted into the kindergarten program. The principal has the final approval. Early admission to kindergarten is made on a provisional basis, this decision may need to be reconsidered if the child has difficulty adapting.

**Step Five:** Parents must provide proper records and documentation when registering their child as an age exception to kindergarten.

The Maricopa Unified School District is dedicated to educational placement decisions that will best serve the children in our community.

*The Early Childhood Standards from the Arizona Department of Education provide a framework of knowledge and skills in which children need to possess in order to be a successful kindergarten student. A complete list of these standards can be obtained at <http://www.azed.gov/early-childhood/files/2011/06/arizona-early-learning-standards-3rd-edition1.pdf>*