



Lebanon City Schools- Bowman Primary School

Frequently Asked Questions about Starting Kindergarten

When can my child start Kindergarten?

Your child may start Kindergarten if he/she will be five years old on or before August 1 of the current school year.

The law does not require your child to start kindergarten unless your child is six years old on or before August 1. (You still have the option of holding-out a child with a summer birthday.)

Children who turn five after August 1 will start Kindergarten in the following school year.

I think my child is ready for Kindergarten but he/she won't be five years old by the cut-off date. Is there a way to start Kindergarten early?

Yes. Your child must meet these two requirements:

- 1- Your child must turn 5 on or before January 1 of the previous school year.
- 2- Your child must be tested by our school psychologist and meet state-defined criteria for early entrance to Kindergarten.

Who do I contact if I want my child to be considered for early entrance?

Anna Maratos- Spence, School Psychologist. 513-934-5465.

If I enroll my child in a private Kindergarten can he/she enroll in first grade the following year?

Your child must be 6 years old on or before August 1 of the current school year to start first grade. If your child has already completed a year of private Kindergarten, he/she must meet these two requirements to begin first grade:

- 1- Your child must turn 6 on or before January 1 of the previous school year.
- 2- Your child must be tested by our psychologist and meet state-defined criteria for early entrance to first grade.

What if my child has special needs?

Your child may start Kindergarten if he/she will be five years old on or before August 1 of the current school year.. If determined appropriate by the IEP team, your child may spend an additional year in preschool.