



AIRPORT COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

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Young Five's Kindergarten Age Intervention Kindergarten

Purpose:

To provide an extra year of schooling, a two-year kindergarten program, to insure students entering school as four-year-olds and young-fives face are prepared for academic and social success in kindergarten. Young Five's is a bridge between a more flexible environment and the more academically structured traditional kindergarten.

Enrollment Criteria:

- Students born between September 1st and December 1st will be placed in Young Five's
- Students born between June 1st and September 1st may be recommended for Young Five's
- No student who turns five before June 1st will be placed in Young Five's

Birthdates and Placement:

- Before September 1st, 2011 will be placed in kindergarten
- September 1st, 2011-December 1st, 2011 will be placed in Young 5's
- After December 1st, 2011 will be placed in preschool

Promotion Criteria:

Students will be assessed at the end of the year on multiple measures to determine their individual readiness for the next school year. Those measures include:

- 1) Northwest Evaluation Association
- 2) Classroom Assessments, including Michigan Literacy Proficiency Profile

Research from *The Long Term Economic Benefits of High Quality Early Childhood Intervention Programs* (Diefendorf and Good, 2005) shows that students who participate in a Young Five's program...

- 1) Score significantly higher on intellectual performance assessments;
- 2) Are less likely to be in special education classes;
- 3) Have had positive effects on earnings, wealth, and welfare.

Additional research from ACS has shown that students who have been in Young Five's and then attend kindergarten score significantly higher on all assessments than those kindergarten students who did not attend Young Five's.

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