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Waterford School District will launch NEW Junior Kindergarten Program in Fall 2016

January 19, 2016 Waterford, Mich. – The Waterford School District will offer a new Junior Kindergarten Program beginning in fall 2016. Junior kindergarten is a full day program which allows children to become familiar with the structure and format of a school day while developing critical skills needed for elementary school. Students who attend will most often enter formal kindergarten the following year. These programs will be located in a few elementary schools and transportation will be provided.

State guidelines have moved the entrance date for kindergarten from December 1 to September 1. The Junior Kindergarten Program is an alternative for students whose birthday falls between September 1 and December 1, allowing them to begin their formal educational journey.

Children mature and develop at their own rates and turning five doesn't necessarily mean a child is ready for kindergarten. If you believe your child may not be ready, please contact the school your child is scheduled to attend and we can provide information, discuss your child's progress, and help you decide whether traditional kindergarten or junior kindergarten would be the best option for your family.

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