

Birth Date Requirement for Pre-K and Kindergarten Enrollment

The Tennessee Department of Education shared this information with school districts regarding House Bill 0839/Senate Bill 1022 signed into law by Governor Haslam on [April 8, 2013](#), and its impact on pre-K and Kindergarten enrollment birth date requirements for the next two school years. Changes would take effect in the 2013-14 school year.

The impact of this law on enrollment in pre-K programs for the next two years is as follows:

- Children must be 4 years of age on or before Aug. 31, 2013, as well as meet other currently defined criteria to enroll in voluntary pre-K in 2013-14.
- Children must be 4 years of age on or before Aug. 15, 2014, as well as meet other currently defined criteria to enroll in voluntary pre-K in 2014-15.

The impact of this law on Kindergarten enrollment eligibility for the next two years is as follows:

- Children enrolled in an LEA-operated pre-K program, a Head Start program, or a state accredited non-public school pre-K program in the 2012-13 school year who turn 5 between Sept. 1 and Sept. 30, 2013 are grandfathered into kindergarten for the 2013-14 school year.
- Children enrolled in an LEA-operated pre-K, a Head Start program, or a state accredited non-public school pre-K program in the 2013-14 school year who turn 5 between Aug. 16 and Aug. 31, 2014 are grandfathered into kindergarten for the 2014-15 school year.