



**BALTIMORE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

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**Request for Exemption from Mandatory Kindergarten Attendance**

**INSTRUCTIONS:**

In accordance with State regulation, a child who resides in Maryland and is 5 years old may be exempted from mandatory school attendance for one (1) year if the child’s parent/guardian believes that a delay in school attendance is in the best interest of the child or if the parent/guardian files in writing their intent to place the child in an alternative setting and verifies that the child is enrolled. In order to request an exemption from mandatory kindergarten attendance, this form shall be filed with the child’s home school before the opening day of school of the year in which the child becomes 5 years old.

PART I: Personal Information				
Student’s Last Name	First	Birthdate (MM-DD-YYYY)	Female Male	
Assigned Home School		Requested School Year: 20__ - 20__		
Parent/Guardian Name	Home Phone	Work Phone	Cell Phone	
Parent/Guardian Home Address (where student is residing)		City	State	Zip Code

Choose the reason for which you are requesting an exemption to the kindergarten attendance requirement:

- Level of Maturity Waiver
- Alternate Program Setting (choose one and complete Part II)
  - Child is enrolled in full-time licensed child care center
  - Child is enrolled in a registered family day care home
  - Child is enrolled part-time in a Head Start 5-year-old program

**PART II: ALTERNATIVE PROGRAM SETTING DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED**

A parent /guardian who elects to enroll a child in an alternative program setting shall provide documentation showing proof of attendance in the alternative program setting by providing the following information:

Name of Facility/Program	Address for Facility/Program
Facility/Program Registration Number	License or Registration Expiration Date

**PART III: PARENT ACKNOWLEDGMENT**

<p><i>I hereby certify that I am the parent or legal guardian of the student, that I have authority as such to make education decisions for the student, and that the information provided above is true and correct to the best of my information, knowledge, and belief.</i></p> <p><i>I understand that an exemption from mandatory kindergarten attendance is for one year only. I further understand that my child must be registered for enrollment in school the following school year.</i></p>	Name of Parent/Guardian (please print)	Application Date
	Signature of Parent/Guardian	

➤ **Submit this completed application to: School Principal of the Child’s Assigned School**

**PART IV: DECISION**

**YOUR EXEMPTION FROM MANDATORY KINDERGARTEN ATTENDANCE HAS BEEN:**     **APPROVED**     **DENIED**

Signature of Principal	Date
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Original: School File // Copies: (1) parent/guardian; (2) Office of Early Childhood Programs