Benzie County Central Schools

9300 Homestead Road
Benzonia, MI 49616
Kindergarten Waiver Request for 2025-2026 School Year

According to Michigan Law, if a child residing in Benzie County Schools District is not five years of age on September 1, 2025 but will be five years of age not later than December 1, 2025, the parent or legal guardian of that child may enroll the child in kindergarten for the 2025-2026 school year if the parent or legal guardian notifies the school district in writing not later than June 1, 2025, that he or she intends to enroll the child in kindergarten. If a child becomes a resident of the Benzie County Central Schools District after June 1, the child's parent or legal guardian may enroll the child in kindergarten for that school year if the parent or legal guardian submits this written notification not later than August 1, 2025 under this subsection.

A school district that receives this written notification may make a recommendation to the parent or legal guardian as to whether the child is not ready to enroll in kindergarten due to the child's age or other factors. Regardless of the district recommendation, the parent or legal guardian retains the sole discretion to determine whether to enroll the child in kindergarten if the student is five years of age not later than September 1, 2025.

Student Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Verification of Age (Check one)

- { } Birth Certificate
- { } Court Record
- { } Government Record
- { } Citizenship Paper
- { } Hospital Record
- { } Other_____ (Specify)

Evidence of School Readiness (provided by parent):

1) _____
2) _____
3) _____
4) _____

_____ _____ _____

Parent/Guardian's Printed Name Parent/Guardian's Signature Date

Benzie County Central Schools Recommendation

_____ agrees with the recommendation of the parents to enroll in Kindergarten.
Building Principal

_____ recommends kindergarten begin in September 2026 for the following reasons.
Building Principal

1)_____
2)_____
3)_____
4)_____

_____ _____

School Administrator's Signature Date