



YOUNG FIVES & KINDERGARTEN

Welcome!

FENTON AREA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

**We will have a Kindergarten Round Up on April 25, 2024 at our World of Wonder Campus
from 2-4pm -OR- 5-7pm*

QUESTIONS?

Contact your school principal:

North Road Elementary - Cynthia Panchula, 810-591-1500

State Road Elementary - Craig Salter, 810-591-2400

Tomek Eastern Elementary - Nate Gatlin, 810-591-6800

Enrollment & Schools of Choice - Cathy Ebert at 810-591-4707

KINDERGARTEN/YOUNG FIVES FAQs:

1. Who should attend our Young Fives program?

If a child turns five years old between June 1– December 1, 2026, he/she is eligible to attend our Young Fives program. It is Fenton's practice that students turning five years old between September 1 and December 1 attend our Young Fives program to develop:

- Confidence
- Social skills
- Oral language development
- Motor skills
- Attention span
- Independence
- School readiness

Our Young Fives Program is a full-day program with classes located at our elementary buildings.

2. I am unsure about which option is best for my child. Who should I talk to?

Please contact one of our elementary principals. They will be happy to speak with you and answer any questions you may have.

3. How do I enroll my child?

- **Fenton residents:** Enrollment for the 2026-2027 school year begins for in-district residents on February 23, 2026. Online Enrollment instructions are available on our website at www.fentonschools.org and selecting "Enrollment" at the top. Please review the Enrollment Requirements and gather all the documentation prior to proceeding with the online enrollment.

Please upload any necessary documents during the online enrollment. If you need to drop off any documentation call Cathy Ebert at the administrative office to set up an appointment to bring in the documents. 810-591-4707 or cebert@fentonschools.org.

- **Out-of-District residents:** Under the district's Kindergarten & Young Fives open enrollment plan, students who reside outside of district boundaries are eligible to apply to enroll in Fenton Area Public Schools. Upon acceptance, you will need to complete one online enrollment found on our website. www.fentonschools.org and selecting "Enrollment" at the top. The 2026-2027 open-enrollment application period for Kindergarten and Young Fives is February 23, 2026 through August 21, 2026. Please check our Enrollment page for the printable application. www.fentonschools.org and select "Enrollment" at the top.

4. How does the "In-District School-of-Choice" process work?

Fenton Elementaries have no boundaries within the Fenton District. Parents may request which building they would like their child to attend. This will be found in the online enrollment. Transportation for all In-District students will be provided to all elementary schools. Placement for Kindergarten will take place in August. You will be notified in your ParentVue account.

5. Is transportation provided for children enrolled in our Young Fives Program?

Yes. In-district resident students attending Young Fives and Kindergarten will be provided district transportation to their school. District transportation is provided to children living more than one mile from their school. Out-of-district students will not be provided transportation by the district.

6. After I choose Young Fives or Kindergarten for my child, can I change my mind prior to school starting?

Please contact the administration office to discuss this placement decision.

7. How can I find more information about the K-12 student experience at Fenton Area Public Schools?

We encourage you to learn more about our complete K-12 curriculum and program offerings on our website at <https://www.fentonschools.org/>. You can also follow us Facebook at (www.facebook.com/FentonAreaPublicSchools/)

CHILDCARE INFORMATION

- "World of Wonder" - WoW offers quality child care for school-age children in Young Fives/Kindergarten to 5th grade. Child care is available Monday through Friday.
- Housed at our Ellen St Campus.
- Open from 6:00am - start of school day AND after school until 6pm.
- Call World of Wonder Office (810-591-8349) at the Ellen St Campus for pricing information.

KINDERGARTEN & YOUNG FIVES COMPARISONS

	Young Fives	Kindergarten
Length of school day	7 hours	7 hours
Class size	16 - 18 students	22 - 24 students
Certified Teacher	Yes	Yes
Music, Art, PE, STEAM	Yes, taught by Co-Curricular teacher	Yes, taught by Co-Curricular teacher
Lunch	Hot and cold options	Hot and cold options
Location	All elementary schools	All elementary schools
Transportation	Yes (in-district)	Yes (in-district)
Before and After Childcare	Yes	Yes
Open-Enrollment for Out-of-District Students	Yes, by application (transportation not provided)	Yes, by application (transportation not provided)
Where Does My Child Go The Following Year?	Kindergarten	1st grade