



## **Caledonia Community Schools 2025-2026 Young Fives & Kindergarten Enrollment**

Welcome to Caledonia Community Schools open enrollment! Caledonia Community Schools is recognized throughout West Michigan as a district of excellence that provides high quality and innovative educational experiences for all students. To our new families, we would like to extend a warm welcome and are excited to have you as part of the Caledonia Community Schools family. If you are a returning family, welcome back! We look forward to continuing to work with you in providing a quality educational experience.

*“In pursuit of excellence, we will empower and equip all persons to achieve their best by ensuring the highest quality system for learning”*

In this informational letter please find the guidelines for building placement, program eligibility, classroom and teacher placement. For more information please visit our [calschools.org](https://calschools.org) district website.

### **Building Placement**

All newly enrolled elementary students will be automatically placed in the school for which they are zoned. In January 2020, the district began transitioning to a new system for building placement that is based on geographic boundaries for each elementary school. Each home address in the district was assigned an attendance zone with a designated elementary building serving those residences.

If you have an older student who attends an elementary school other than your zoned school, and you want your kindergarten student placed with that student, you will need to apply for an [In District Transfer](#) for your incoming Kindergarten student. **The window to request that transfer is February 1, 2025 through March 14, 2025.**

For additional information regarding the elementary school zones, how to request an In District Transfer, as well as an FAQ document please visit our [district website](#).

### **Program Eligibility**

According to Michigan Compiled Law (MCL 380.1147 and 388.1606) enrollment age for incoming Kindergarten students is as follows for the 2025-2026 school year:

- 5 years old on/before September 1, 2025.
- Early Entry: If a child is not 5 years of age on/before September 1, 2025 but will be 5 on/before December 1, 2025, the district may enroll the child for that school year at the request of a parent. Caledonia Community Schools considers a completed enrollment process a request for early entry.

**Kindergarten:** Any student who turns 5 years old on/before September 1, 2025 but not later than December 1, 2025 is age eligible for Kindergarten. Kindergarten meets five full days a week and follows the district calendar. Transportation is provided to and from your zoned school.

**Young Fives:** Any student who turns 5 years old between July 1, 2025 but not later than December 1, 2025 is age eligible to participate in our [Young Fives](#) program. The district's Young Fives classrooms are located at our Caledonia Elementary building, meet five full days a week, and follow the district calendar. Transportation is provided.

**Undecided on Which Program?** If you select 'undecided' when enrolling your child, you will be contacted by our Enrollment Coordinator. You may want to consider one of our many preschool programs at Duncan Lake Early Childhood Center if your child turns 5 years old AFTER September 1, 2025.

Date of Birth	Kindergarten	Young Fives
Prior to 4/30/2020	Eligible	Not Eligible
5/1/2020 thru 6/30/2020	Eligible	Considered for Placement (based on date of birth, special considerations and seat availability)
7/1/2020 thru 12/1/2020	Eligible	Eligible

If the interest in a particular program exceeds availability, Caledonia Community Schools reserves the right to assign students based on their birthdate.

**Classroom Teacher Assignments:** Classroom teacher assignments will be communicated to parents directly from their assigned building during the summer. Please refer to your assigned school's website for more information regarding their start of school year plans.

If you have any questions regarding the Young Fives and Kindergarten enrollment process, please contact our Administration Office at 616-891-8185. We look forward to working with you and your family.

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