

Re: HEA 1001 (2018) – Kindergarten ADM

## KINDERGARTEN ENTRANCE

### Background:

During the 2018 Indiana General Assembly, a change occurred in the kindergarten admission statute that impacts which students will count towards a school's ADM. House Enrolled Act HEA 1001 (2018) states:

SECTION 5. IC 20-43-4-5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.213-2015, SECTION 213, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 5. In determining ADM, each kindergarten pupil **who is at least five (5) years of age on August 1 of a school year** shall be counted as:

(1) one (1) pupil, if the pupil is enrolled in a full-day kindergarten program; or

(2) one-half (1/2) pupil, if the pupil is enrolled in a half-day kindergarten program.

If a school corporation commences kindergarten in a school year, the ADM of the current and prior calendar years shall be adjusted to reflect the enrollment of the kindergarten pupils. **A kindergarten pupil who is not at least five (5) years of age on August 1 of a school year may not be counted.**

This change means that if a school enrolls, in the manner outlined above, a student who is less than five years of age on August 1, the school may not receive state tuition support for that student. This is a legislative change, which takes effect immediately.

At NLCS all students must be at least five years of age on August 1 to be enrolled in Kindergarten. NLCS will not consider early entrance for Kindergarten students. We have a No Waiver Policy.