



Notification of Enrollment in Alternate Kindergarten Program Setting

Early Childhood Education

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Frederick County Public Schools
Early Childhood Education Office
191 South East Street
Frederick, Maryland 21701

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Under Maryland Law all students eligible for Kindergarten are required to attend school. However, parents/guardians may enroll their child in an alternate Kindergarten setting. By completing this form you are notifying Frederick County Public Schools (a) that your child is age eligible for Kindergarten, (b) that you are enrolling your child in an alternative Kindergarten setting and (c) verifying that you understand your rights and responsibilities when exercising this option for your child.

School Year: 20____ / 20____

Child's Name: _____ DOB: _____

Parent/Guardian Name(s): _____ Phone _____

Parent/Guardian Address: _____

BACKGROUND: A child who resides in Frederick County and is five (5) years old may be exempted from attending public school for the Kindergarten year if the child is enrolled:

- (a) Full-time in a licensed child care center;
- (b) Full-time in a registered family day care home; or
- (c) Part-time in a Head Start 5-year-old program. (COMAR 13A.08.01.02-2(1)).

VERIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT IN QUALIFIED PROGRAM: I verify that my child will be enrolled in and will regularly attend the following program in the 20____ / 20____ school year. **Initials** _____

Name of Program: _____

Address of Program/Facility: _____

License or Registration number _____ Expiration Date: _____

REGISTRATION FOR FIRST GRADE: Upon completion of this program this school year, I understand my child will be eligible to attend first grade in a public school next year. Upon registering my child for first grade, I will provide documentation showing proof of attendance in this program including (a) date my child was enrolled and (b) number of days my child was absent. **Initials** _____

RIGHT TO TRANSFER: I understand that if my child attends this alternative Kindergarten program for part of the year, my child may transfer to a public kindergarten within the year if my child meets the minimum age requirement for admission to a public school kindergarten program (5 years old by September 1st), as set forth in (COMAR 13A.08.01(C)). **Initials** _____

CC: Retain one copy at school.
Send copy to FCPS Office of Early Childhood Education