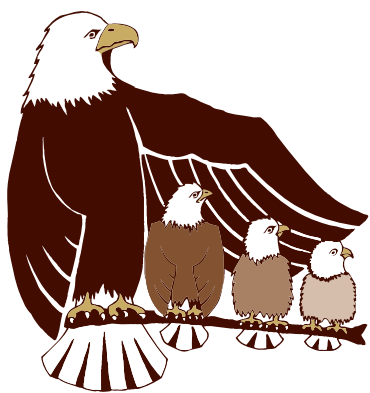


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## Ferndale Schools Highlights



- Free All-Day Kindergarten.
- Elementary Spanish starting in Grade 5.
- Elementary Instrumental Music starting in Grade 4.
- Three Green Schools: Roosevelt Primary, John F. Kennedy (Top 10 in Oakland County), and Coolidge Intermediate.
- Ferndale Schools was named One of the Top Communities for Music Education in the nation by the NAMM Foundation.
- Roosevelt Primary School has won many awards including a 2011 National Schools of Character designation and Michigan Schools of Character designation, and 2008 and 2010 National Schools of Character Promising Practices Award.
- The Ferndale High School Golden Eagle Marching Band has won six State Championships.
- Ferndale Schools students get accepted to and attend the colleges of their dreams including University of Michigan, Michigan State University, Wayne State University, Oakland University, and across the country including MIT & George Washington University!

Look inside for steps to prepare your family for kindergarten

We can't wait to meet you!

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## Ferndale Schools —

*start early. start strong. start now.*

### What to expect from ages 0-5

When you're ready for Ferndale Schools, we'll be ready for you!

It's as  
easy as  
1, 2, 3

## Plan your child's future with the Ferndale Schools

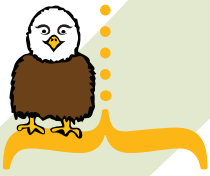
### Get to Know Us - Mark your calendars

- **Visit our Annual District Showcase, Extravaganza and All-City (all grades) Concerts** where you'll get a one-day preview of all the wonderful programs offered by the Ferndale Schools from preschool through high school graduation. Strollers welcome.
- **Attend a Meet & Greet** - Get to know other parents and learn why they love the Ferndale Schools.
- **Enjoy a Parents' Night Out** - Hear for yourself why we were voted one of the top communities for music education by attending a concert, play or musical featuring our talented students.
- **Child Find** - If your child seems behind on developmental milestones such as rolling over, grasping, or talking, you may wish to contact Child Find, a free evaluation program available through the Ferndale Schools which identifies resident children - ages birth through five years - who may benefit from special education services at no charge. Call the Special Education Department at 248/586-8693 for more information.
- **Sign Up For Our eNewsletter** - Receive our weekly news updates, email [fpsfanout@ferndaleschools.org](mailto:fpsfanout@ferndaleschools.org)



### step 1

birth-2 years



### step 2

3-4 years old

### Begin Your Family's Educational Journey in one of our Preschool Programs

- **Grant Early Childhood Center** - State/Federally funded educational preschool programs, including Headstart.
- **Little Eagle Preschool Program** - Half-day educational program for 3-year-olds two days a week and 4-year-olds three days a week. This tuition-based preschool is located at Roosevelt Primary School - a building designed just for young children, that serves children PreK-Grade 3. Learn more at [www.ferndaleschools.org/littleeagles.html](http://www.ferndaleschools.org/littleeagles.html)
- **Call the Enrollment Office** to sign up for Preschool 248/586-8686, or visit our website for the Preschool Enrollment Packet: [www.ferndaleschools.org](http://www.ferndaleschools.org)
- **Repeat Step 1 above and keep visiting our district events** for young families all year long. Visit our website, [www.ferndaleschools.org](http://www.ferndaleschools.org), for information on upcoming events and be sure to check our district calendar online.



### step 3

4 years old

### Get Ready for Kindergarten

Your child will start kindergarten in the year he or she turns 5 with a birthday before December 1\*.

- **Check out our programs** - During the year before kindergarten, you can learn first-hand from our principals what our programs can offer your child. Tours are scheduled at our elementary schools biweekly October to February.\*\*
- **Kindergarten Readiness Booklets**, developed by one of our principals, are available at your request. Learn how to prepare your little ones for their first year at school.
- **Start the Enrollment Process** - Call the Enrollment Office at 248/586-8686 to begin your journey with the Ferndale Schools. Our friendly staff will assist you with paperwork, frequently asked questions and get your family all set to start school in the Fall.

\* Young Fives: Children with birthdays between Sept 1 - Dec 1 can get ready for school in a half-day, pre-kindergarten program.  
\*\* Elementary Magnet Programs require lottery for entry, including tours and district enrollment/lottery application by Feb 28 of the year Kindergarten starts.