

## Delayed Full-Day Kindergarten Implementation Application

This form is designed so that elementary or unit school districts can request a delay in the implementation of a full-day kindergarten program according to the provisions of [105 ILCS 5/10-22.18](#).

DISTRICT NAME	SUPERINTENDENT
ADDRESS	RCDT
TELEPHONE	CONTACT PERSON

**Please determine which of the following criteria the district meets to qualify for an extension.  
If the second box is checked, please complete the remainder of the application.**

An elementary or unit school district that does not yet offer full-day kindergarten may apply for an extension of the 2027-28 school year implementation deadline for two additional years if one of the following criteria are met:

- ☐ The school district is funded below 76% of adequacy according to the Evidence-Based Funding formula under Section 18-8.15 of this Code in fiscal year 2023.
- ☐ The school district seeks approval based on the criteria set by the State Board of Education based on the [Full-Day Kindergarten Task Force's recommendations](#).

**Length of extension being requested (up to two years):** \_\_\_\_\_

District Superintendent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

ISBE Approval: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Contact School Business Services Department at 217-785-8779 or [finance1@isbe.net](mailto:finance1@isbe.net) with questions.**

**Provide a rationale for the need of an extension for the implementation of full-day kindergarten in your district.**

**Evidence supporting your request:**

1. Discuss the district's financial capacity to implement full-day kindergarten supported by historical and other relevant evidence.
2. Discuss the history, timelines, and outcomes of past and future referendums, as applicable.
3. Provide an action plan that provides a timeline and process(es) that the district deems reasonable to fully meet the full-day kindergarten mandate.
4. Explain available and anticipated reserves (current fiscal year and subsequent five years) and, if a district currently runs a tuition-based half-day program, anticipated impact on loss of revenue projected over the next five school years.
5. Submit the current and projected budgets with analysis to show anticipated impact on current programming if full-day mandate is implemented (i.e., current budget and projected budgets over the next five years). You may use the companion spreadsheet to assist in the analysis.

6. Discuss and provide evidence of space currently available and needed for delivery of programming and necessary services, including, but not limited to:
  - Current building plans and architect renderings,
  - Bidding process and timelines for project completion,
  - District health and safety capital needs requiring capital expenditures, and
  - Other evidence of availability of space or lack thereof to find space for full-day kindergarten (e.g., bonding capacity and/or community support of a referendum).

**Demographic data**, including, but not limited to:

1. Anticipated numbers of students based upon most recent census data for the subsequent five school years.
2. Actual/current number of assignable classroom teachers, anticipated assignable classroom teachers who will be needed, and the projected cost of these staff for the subsequent five school years.
3. Actual/current number of assignable classroom aides/paraprofessionals and anticipated assignable classroom teachers who will be needed and the projected cost of these staff for the subsequent five school years.

Please add any other supporting materials or data to inform the application.

**Additional application steps:**

1. Please attach any Annual Financial Reports from last five years that were not previously submitted to ISBE by the school district's auditor.
2. Please attach any district audit reports from last five years that were not submitted to ISBE by the school district's auditor.
3. Submit completed application and/or questions to [finance1@isbe.net](mailto:finance1@isbe.net).

ISBE shall acknowledge receipt and provide notification of approval or need of additional information within 45 days of receipt.

If additional information is requested and submitted, ISBE shall acknowledge receipt of it and provide a final determination within 30 days.

Should a district not submit requested information within the time frame that has been identified, its application shall be denied.