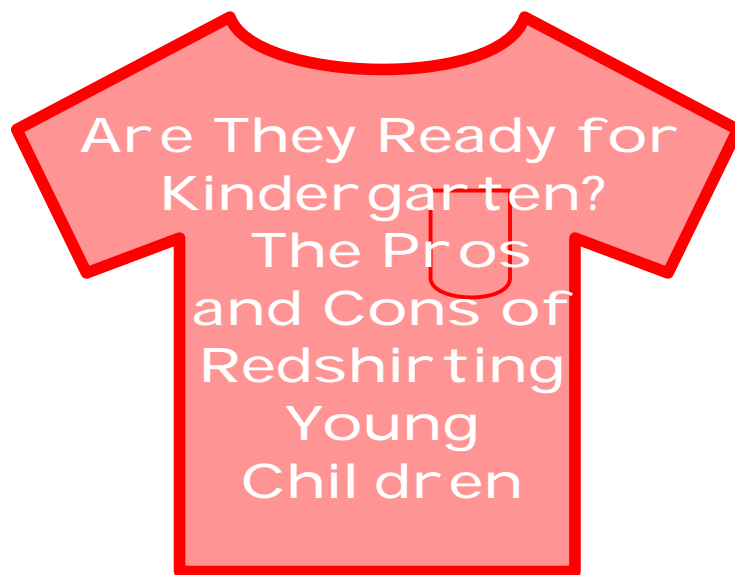


INTRODUCTION



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Dear Colleague,

Delaying enrollment into kindergarten, or “redshirting”, has become a common practice in school districts across the country. Redshirting was first coined to describe college athletes who delayed participation in sports in order to make them more competitive. Providing an additional year of growth and maturation is believed to provide a competitive advantage to athletic redshirts. Parents and educators often share this belief regarding academic redshirting.

As with any practice, parents and educators must be fully informed to make the best decisions possible for individual children. This technical assistant packet is, therefore, informational in nature. The intent of this packet is to provide the reader with a basic understanding of the practice of redshirting and pros and cons of this practice according to the latest research. An extensive bibliography has been provided to allow for additional study on the topic.

Sincerely,

David P. Lindeman, Ph.D.
KITS Director

Are They Ready for Kindergarten? The Pros and Cons of Redshirting Young Children

This packet has been developed as a resource to enable you to understand the issues related to delaying kindergarten entry or retaining children in kindergarten. The packet contents were chosen based on your requests and needs assessment results. We would like you to evaluate how helpful this packet has been for you. Please respond to the following questions and return this form to us in the enclosed self-addressed envelope.

Please check the parts of the packet that you found most helpful. In the space provided briefly tell us how or why each part was helpful to you.

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