

The “Is enrolled or attending school?” checkbox on the Participant Info page is important if two conditions are met:

1. You are using My Food Program to check that meal counts do not exceed licensed capacity (in “Site Details” the feature “Licensing Age Range Errors” is set to “Error” and not “Ignore”).
2. The state agency that sets licensing age ranges for licensed child care facilities uses school enrollment as part of the definition of an age range instead of just calendar age. For example, in some states “school age” means a child who is 5 years or older. In other states, the term “school age” means a child who is enrolled in school, which may or may not include a child who is 5 or 6 years old.

Before you designate a child as “Is enrolled or attending school?”, ensure that your licensing age ranges are set up correctly. Licensing age ranges are configured at the sponsor level. You can create overlapping age ranges only if one is designated as a school age range and the other is not. For example, you may have a “preschool” age range that includes 3-6 year olds and a “school age” age range that include 5-12 year olds. Whether a child who is 5 years old or 6 years old is counted in the “preschool” age range or the “school age” range depends on whether the “Is enrolled or attending school?” box is checked. The table below summarizes what will happen with this licensing age range configuration:

If the box that says “Is enrolled or attending school?” is **CHECKED**

4 Years Old

Will generate error “Participant Outside of Age Range”.

5 Years Old

Counts in “School Age”

6 Years Old

Counts in “School Age”

7 Years Old or Older

Counts in “School Age”

If the box that says “Is enrolled or attending school?” is **UNCHECKED**

4 Years Old

Counts in “Preschool”

5 Years Old

Counts in “Preschool”

6 Years Old

Counts in “Preschool”

7 Years Old or Older

Will generate error “Participant Outside of Age Range”.