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**Silicon Valley Academy Informed Consent Form
For Admission of Kindergarten Students Born September 2-October 1**

The California Department of Education requires children entering Kindergarten in the public school system to be five years of age on or before September 1, while private schools in California can determine their enrollment age requirement. Silicon Valley Academy has instituted a policy requiring a child entering Kindergarten to be five years of age on or before **October 1**.

You are receiving this form because you have a child born September 2 through October 1 and wish to enroll him/her in SVA. SVA is committed to respecting, fostering, and valuing every child's cognitive and emotional development. To that end, we encourage you to review the following resources that may be helpful when considering what age to enroll your child in Kindergarten:

<https://www.healthychildren.org/English/ages-stages/preschool/Pages/Is-Your-Child-Ready-for-School.aspx>

<https://www.healthychildren.org/English/tips-tools/ask-the-pediatrician/Pages/My-daughters-birthday-is-a-few-days-before-the-kindergarten-cut-off-date.aspx>

<https://pediatrics.aappublications.org/content/144/2/e20191766>

Please initial the following statements, agreeing that you understand SVA's enrollment policy, the California Kindergarten enrollment age requirement, and the interaction of both policies.

_____ I understand that the California Department of Education requires children entering Kindergarten in the public school system to be five years of age on or before September 1.

_____ I understand that if my child leaves SVA (whether voluntarily or otherwise) and enrolls in a public school, the California Department of Education Kindergarten enrollment age requirement will apply.

_____ I understand that if my child leaves SVA (whether voluntarily or otherwise) and enrolls in a California public school, my child may be held back and/or required to repeat a school year.

_____ SVA is not responsible for any future enrollment status of my child in a public school.

_____ I understand that I may choose to follow the California Department of Education's Kindergarten enrollment age requirement and not enroll my child born after September 1 in Kindergarten.

Student Name (PLEASE PRINT)

Student Birthdate

Parent/Guardian Name (PLEASE PRINT)

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Silicon Valley Academy Admissions Administrator Signature

Date