

SCHOOL READINESS

EVERYONE in the community plays a role
in preparing children for school!

**SCHOOL READINESS BEGINS
AT BIRTH AND IS SHAPED BY
FAMILIES, EARLY CARE AND
EDUCATION PROVIDERS, AND
THE COMMUNITY.**



A ready child is prepared physically,
emotionally, socially, and
intellectually. This means that
children begin school ready to
participate in and benefit from early
learning experiences that help them
be successful and excited to learn.

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There are five developmental areas related to school readiness:

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APPROACHES TO LEARNING

- Learning with curiosity, flexibility, and openness to new ideas
- Engaging in learning to effectively plan and problem solve
- Asking and reflecting about new ideas and activities
- Engaging in conversations with adults and peers
- Learning with other people

PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT

- Taking care of personal needs like using the restroom, eating, and taking a jacket on and off
- Monitoring personal space and having an understanding of the world around them
- Using fine motor skills- Small muscle movements with the eyes, hands, and fingers.

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LANGUAGE AND LITERACY

- Hearing the sounds of letters in words
- Recognizing letters with the alphabet
- Understanding that books contain letters and words have and hold meaning
- Speaking, listening, reading, writing, drawing, and the ability to ask/answer questions

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL COMPETENCY

- Displaying self-awareness and controlling emotions and actions
- Understanding the feelings of others and showing empathy
- Being able to continue with a task and not give up
- Sharing, taking turns, and playing well with others

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COGNITION AND MATH

- Identifying and counting numbers
- Using problem solving and critical thinking skills
- Staying focused
- Processing, gathering and using information
- Being able to retain information, make decisions, and recognize patterns

These skills are not expected to be mastered; however, they are things to keep in mind as children prepare to begin school. To learn more, click or scan the QR code.



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