

## Tips for Assessing Your Child's Kindergarten Readiness

Kindergarten has become more academically challenging in the past decade.

Families should look at four areas of focus when deciding if their child is ready for school.

Important areas of focus are a child's cognitive, physical, social, and emotional aptitudes.

Cognitive: Does the child...

Show interest in learning?

Play at learning activities?

Follow directions?

Physical: Can the child...

Grip writing and coloring instruments?

Jump, hop and catch?

Sit and focus on skills for 15 minute blocks?

Social: Does the child:

Play with others?

Share items?

Wait when taking turns?

Emotional: Can the child:

Be apart from parent?

Adjust to changing circumstances?

Cope with frustration?

These are all guiding questions that should be considered when preparing a child for Kindergarten.

The State's birthday cut-off for Kindergarten placement is September 1<sup>st</sup>.

Students who turn 5 between September 1<sup>st</sup> and December 31<sup>st</sup> must complete a screening by the Kindergarten teacher before placement is considered.

Placement is also based on space in the classroom.

No screenings will be offered after the start of school.