

# Early Entrance to Kindergarten Preschool Teacher Checklist

## Introduction

Families requesting early entrance to kindergarten are asked to have their child's preschool teacher provide information on this checklist about the child's skills, abilities, and behavior as it relates to readiness for kindergarten.

This checklist, along with the application, parent checklist and questionnaire, and academic readiness assessment conducted with the child, is considered by the team when determining eligibility for early entrance to kindergarten.

## Child Information

<b>Child's name</b>	
<b>Date of birth</b>	
<b>Today's date</b>	
<b>Name of person completing checklist</b>	
<b>Your relationship to the child</b>	
<b>How long have you known the child?</b>	
<b>Name of preschool</b>	

## Instructions

This checklist will help in determining the child's readiness for kindergarten. Please read each statement and indicate the child's abilities by checking the appropriate column.

<b>Behavior</b>	<b>Frequently</b>	<b>Sometimes</b>	<b>Never</b>
Observes rules and follows directions without requiring repeated reminders			
Attempts new or challenging tasks			
Concentrates when working on a task; is not easily distracted by surrounding activities			
Willing to share toys or other things with other children when playing; does not fight or argue with playmates in disputes over property			



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Behavior	Frequently	Sometimes	Never
Fairly independent of adults. Does not require a high level of adult attention to problem solve social situations or to make positive choices.			
Has multiple friendships with peers			
Has a positive, successful approach in meeting new children			
Appropriately self-assertive; able to communicate needs and wants with language			
Takes turns with others			
Uses words to appropriately express frustration and anger			
Communicates effectively with adults and children (i.e., uses the same words to refer to concepts and ideas as others, adjusts communication to increase understanding)			
Can be separated from parents without being upset			

Physical Well-Being and Motor Development	Frequently	Sometimes	Never
Performs self-help tasks independently (dressing, undressing, zipping, and tying)			
Uses hand-eye coordination to perform fine motor tasks (drawing, writing, and cutting with scissors)			
Uses balance and control to perform large motor tasks (walking, jumping, and skipping)			
Toileting: Consistently communicates the need to use the bathroom and is able to use restroom without adult assistance			

Personal and Social Development	Frequently	Sometimes	Never
Shows eagerness to learn (is curious, likes to investigate)			
Follows rules and routines (cleans up at play time)			



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<b>Personal and Social Development</b>	<b>Frequently</b>	<b>Sometimes</b>	<b>Never</b>
Handles change and transition (dinner time to bedtime)			
Interacts easily with one or more children			

<b>Language and Literacy</b>	<b>Frequently</b>	<b>Sometimes</b>	<b>Never</b>
Listens for meaning in stories, discussions, and conversations			
Speaks clearly to share ideas and thoughts			
Recognizes/names all upper/lower case letters			
Reads simple words			
Uses letters and words to write			
Writes first name correctly			

<b>Mathematical Thinking</b>	<b>Frequently</b>	<b>Sometimes</b>	<b>Never</b>
Recognizes numbers 0-20			
Orally counts forward to 20			
Can recognize, duplicate, and extend simple patterns (circle-triangle, circle-triangle)			
Can recognize and describe attributes of shapes (color, size, shape)			

<b>Scientific Thinking</b>	<b>Frequently</b>	<b>Sometimes</b>	<b>Never</b>
Identifies, describes, and compares properties of objects			
Describes characteristics and basic needs of living things (food, water, shelter)			

<b>Social Studies</b>	<b>Frequently</b>	<b>Sometimes</b>	<b>Never</b>
Recognizes self and others as having same and different characteristics			



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Describes roles and responsibilities of people (firefighters put out fires)			
Recognizes the reasons for rules			

<b>The Arts</b>	<b>Frequently</b>	<b>Sometimes</b>	<b>Never</b>
Likes to paint and draw			
Likes to sing and dance			
Can share ideas about a drawing or painting			

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Please provide any additional information about the child that may be helpful to the school team in the decision-making process.

