

School Readiness and Your Child Checklist

Your child's ability to succeed in school starts long before kindergarten

Use the checklist to help you and your child keep track of the school readiness skills he or she has mastered. Place a check mark in each box once your child has completed the activities for that skill. Be sure to celebrate your child's accomplishments through lots of praise and encouragement.



General Knowledge and Mathematics

- Sorts and classifies objects
- Notices similarities and differences
- Identifies basic colors
- Counts in a sequence up to 30
- Counts sets of objects up to 10
- Matches objects with numerals up to 10
- Recognizes, names, and copies basic shapes (including circle, square, triangle, rectangle)
- Asks such questions as who, what, when, where, why, and how
- Understands simple concepts of time (night and day, today, yesterday, tomorrow)



Self-Help Skills

- Uses the toilet without help
- Fastens and unfastens own clothing (zippers, shoes, jackets) without assistance
- Feeds self using utensils
- Helps put away toys or clothes
- Keeps track of personal belongings
- Covers mouth or nose when sneezing or coughing



Language and Communication

- Speaks in five- to six-word sentences
- Sings simple songs
- Recognizes and says simple rhymes
- Knows own full name
- Reads and writes own name
- Knows home address, phone number, and birthday
- Listens to and responds to stories read to them
- Uses scribbles and drawings to express ideas

- Knows how books work
 - Knows the difference between print and pictures
 - Knows that books are read from front to back
 - Knows that print moves from left to right, top to bottom
- Uses pictures to tell a story
- Recites the letters of the alphabet
- Identifies upper- and lowercase letters of the alphabet



Health and Physical Well-Being

- Eats a balanced diet
- Gets plenty of rest
- Receives all required immunizations and medical exams (physical, dental, and vision)
- Runs, jumps, climbs, and does other activities that develop large muscles and provide exercise
- Uses pencils, crayons, scissors, and paints and does other activities that help develop small muscles



Social and Emotional Development

- Plays and shares with other children
- Follows simple rules and routines
- Expresses own needs and wants
- Shows curiosity and motivation to learn
- Explores and tries new things
- Separates easily from parents and family
- Works well alone
- Attends to tasks and seeks help when encountering a problem





VISION

Boone County's Success by Six

To unite Boone County to ensure all children are healthy, safe, nurtured and prepared to succeed in school.

Boone County's Success by Six engages the community in strengthening families and improving the quality of early childhood development, care and education.

MISSION



Boone County's Success by Six provides families with the opportunities to learn, grow and support their children in a variety of school readiness efforts.



Because 90% of the child's brain is developed before age 5, early childhood development serves as the foundation for all future learning and success.



Boone County's Success by Six is here to equip the community with resources to support child and family health, mental health and wellness.

"School readiness" means that each child enters school ready to engage in and benefit from early learning experiences that best promote the child's success and ability to be...
**Ready to Grow,
Ready to Learn and
Ready to Succeed.**



Boone County welcomed 1621 new Kindergartners in 2014, of which 58.5% were considered "ready" for Kindergarten.
(Based on data from 2015 Brigance Kindergarten Screener.)

Boone County's Success by Six supports early childhood child development centers, preschool programs and school systems in the providing best practices in the care of our children.



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Boone County's Success by Six recognizes that every child and family deserves the opportunity to be "ready" for school.

