

Greater East St. Louis Early Learning Partnership

Kindergarten Transitions Pilot

Working together so all children are ready and enrolled.

OUR PURPOSE

To expand supports that improve children's, families' and teachers' experiences with kindergarten transitions and increase school readiness in East St. Louis.

2020-2021 GOALS

- Create spaces for community-wide planning led by families and teachers
- Develop a one-year plan that strengthens supports
- Prioritize strategies that address current needs and help us plan for the future



WHAT IS A KINDERGARTEN TRANSITION?

The process a child and family go through as the child moves from their home, Child Care Centers, Head Start, or Preschool for All into kindergarten.

WHY HAVE TRANSITIONS SUPPORTS?

Children who experience a smooth transition to kindergarten are more likely to succeed when they get there! Success in kindergarten then gives the child a better foundation to do well later in school, work, and life.



GET INVOLVED!

Complete a survey to provide input to the plan:
tinyurl.com/KTSurvey2020

Attend a Sip & Discuss event to share your perspectives.

Join us for a Family Cafe to guide plan development.

Follow us on Facebook at @GESLELP for event updates.

Kindergarten Readiness Guide

WHAT IS KINDERGARTEN READINESS?

Readiness is when a child arrives on the first day of kindergarten ready and prepared to engage physically, socially, emotionally, and academically in ways that are appropriate to their individual development.

TYPES OF READINESS

Language & Literacy Development



Cognition: Math

Social-Emotional Learning



I'm sorry!



Approaches to Learning & Self-Regulation

*Learn more about these types of readiness by visiting www.isbe.net/kids.

WHAT CAN READINESS LOOK LIKE IN THE CLASSROOM?

Readiness looks different for every child; however, a teacher might want to see some of these skills:

- Using pens, crayons, or scissors.
- Saying their full name.
- Explaining how they travel to school.
- Caring for themselves during the day by washing hands, hanging coats, etc.
- Getting along with most children.
- Sitting and listening for 15 minutes.
- Remembering and following directions and finishing a task.
- Following simple rules, like taking turns.

WHAT CAN YOU DO TO HELP PREPARE YOUR CHILD(REN)?

There are many ways to help children build the skills they need to be successful, like:

- Encouraging their curiosity and helping them find answers to questions.
- Helping them learn colors, shapes, reading, and writing.
- Teaching them about different sounds.
- Enrolling them in a child care center or other early learning program.
- Completing free screening to help you identify how to support your child's growth and learning.

For related web resources, see ["Getting Ready for Kindergarten"](https://illinoisearlylearning.org/resources/tipsheets/) at <https://illinoisearlylearning.org/resources/tipsheets/>



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