

Kindergarten Readiness Checklist

These are some of the skills that are helpful for children to know as they transition to school.



Jefferson County Public Schools recognizes that children develop and learn things at different rates and times. These are recommended skills. Please remember that the only prerequisite for entering kindergarten is that a child is 5 years old on or before August 1.

Click on each skill to access fun family activities



GENERAL KNOWLEDGE AND MATHEMATICS

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



HEALTH AND PHYSICAL WELL-BEING

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



SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT

<input type="checkbox"/>	• Plays and shares with other children
<input type="checkbox"/>	• Follows simple rules and routines
<input type="checkbox"/>	• Expresses own needs and wants
<input type="checkbox"/>	• Shows curiosity and motivation to learn
<input type="checkbox"/>	• Explores and tries new things
<input type="checkbox"/>	• Separates easily from parents and family
<input type="checkbox"/>	• Works well alone
<input type="checkbox"/>	• Attends to tasks and seeks help when encountering a problem



LANGUAGE AND COMMUNICATION DEVELOPMENT

<input type="checkbox"/>	• Speaks in five- to six-word sentences
<input type="checkbox"/>	• Sings simple songs
<input type="checkbox"/>	• Recognizes and says simple rhymes
<input type="checkbox"/>	• Knows own full name
<input type="checkbox"/>	• Reads and writes own name
<input type="checkbox"/>	• Knows home address, phone number, and birthday
<input type="checkbox"/>	• Knows how books work
<input type="checkbox"/>	—Knows the difference between print and pictures
<input type="checkbox"/>	—Knows that books are read from front to back
<input type="checkbox"/>	—Knows that print moves from left to right, top to bottom
<input type="checkbox"/>	• Recognizes familiar print from surroundings (traffic signs; store logos, such as Target, McDonald's, and Walmart; food labels)
<input type="checkbox"/>	• Listens to and responds to stories read to them
<input type="checkbox"/>	• Uses scribbles and drawings to express ideas
<input type="checkbox"/>	• Uses pictures to tell a story
<input type="checkbox"/>	• Recites the letters of the alphabet
<input type="checkbox"/>	• Identifies upper- and lowercase letters of the alphabet



SELF-HELP SKILLS

<input type="checkbox"/>	• Uses the toilet without help
<input type="checkbox"/>	• Fastens and unfastens own clothing (zippers, shoes, jackets) without assistance
<input type="checkbox"/>	• Feeds self using utensils
<input type="checkbox"/>	• Helps put away toys or clothes
<input type="checkbox"/>	• Keeps track of personal belongings
<input type="checkbox"/>	• Covers mouth or nose when sneezing or coughing

Access additional resources for kindergarten readiness at www.jefferson.kyschools.us/node/1534/.

Interactive Edition

Use the checklist to help you and your child keep track of the skills they have learned. Place a check mark in each box once your child has completed the activities for that skill on the JCPS Ready4K website. Be sure to celebrate your child's accomplishments through lots of praise and encouragement.

