

## Are Families Ready for Kindergarten? Checklist

Families are ready for kindergarten when they understand their role as partners in the education of their child, when they know what to do at home to prepare their child for kindergarten, and when they follow the procedures for orientation and registration.

- They prepare their child for kindergarten by providing opportunities at home for their child to talk, read, and write.
- They provide opportunities for their child to experience high-quality group settings.
- They follow procedures for preschool screening and school choice.
- They choose a school that fits their family's needs.
- They complete the registration for kindergarten in a timely manner.
- They attend informational events and workshops.
- They follow through on referrals to other agencies, such as for a special education assessment or social services.
- They visit schools.
- They meet the school's kindergarten teacher and principal.
- They attend school orientations and events.
- They talk with their child about kindergarten.
- They use the information they receive to reassure and prepare their child for the transition from home and preschool to kindergarten.
- They begin to develop a plan for being involved in their child's elementary school education.

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