

Are Early Educators Ready to Prepare Children for Kindergarten? Checklist

Pre-K teachers, family child care providers, and family educators are ready to prepare children for kindergarten when they intentionally include the transition to kindergarten in their curricula and teaching practices.

- They teach intentionally to develop the early literacy and social-emotional skills of all children.
- They provide feedback to parents on children's overall development and early literacy skills.
- They use a consistent portfolio of children's work and duplicate it for parents to share with kindergarten teachers.
- They provide early literacy workshops for parents.
- They promote home-learning activities.
- They invite kindergarten teachers and principals to visit their programs.
- They familiarize children with kindergarten classroom rituals.
- They stay informed of the expectations of kindergartens in their communities.
- They visit kindergarten classrooms.
- They distribute information about kindergarten to their families.
- They support parents through the school choice and registration process.
- They train parents to be advocates for their children.