



SCREENING NOTIFICATION TO ALL KINDERGARTEN PARENTS

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Early learning experiences last a lifetime. It is key that all families have access to early childhood education information about high quality early care, preschool, kindergarten, and other educational settings to prepare young children for a lifetime of learning and success.

Strong and healthy children are better able to explore their physical world and better prepared for formal schooling. For children to grow and learn to their fullest potential, they must be healthy, happy, and engaged in creative play.

By November 1st, 2023, of the school year in which a child is enrolled for the first time, the child must be screened for vision, hearing, speech and communication, medical problems and any developmental disorders.

If the screening reveals the possibility of potential learning needs, the district must provide further assessment. Schools must note that screenings are not intended to diagnose educational disability or be used for placement procedures.

AJHAE will be screening all our Kindergarten students on the dates to be announced shortly, providing COVID social distancing and other related precautions.

At what age should my child start kindergarten?

A child must be at least 5 years old to enter kindergarten, or 6 years old to enter first grade. Compulsory school age, or the minimum age in which a child must be enrolled in and attend school, is age 6. A family can choose to wait until a child turns 6 before enrolling the child in kindergarten.

Does Ohio require children to attend kindergarten?

Yes. Ohio's law requires children in this state to go to kindergarten. Districts cannot admit a child to first grade who has not completed kindergarten unless the district has admitted the child for early entrance to first grade, which means skipping kindergarten.

Kindergarten Readiness Assessment Basics

WHO?

Ohio's Kindergarten Readiness Assessment Revised is for all children enrolled in a public school, and those chartered non-public schools that have opted in to participate in the assessment.

WHAT?

The assessment measures your child's knowledge and abilities in four areas: social skills, language and literacy, mathematics, and physical well-being and motor development.

WHEN?

The assessment starts when your child enters kindergarten. Ohio's kindergarten teachers will have until November 1, of each year, to complete the Kindergarten Readiness Assessment Revised.

WHY?

When the assessment is complete, teachers will have information to share with families. The information will help families and teachers work as partners so that children are successful in school.

HOW?

There are three ways for your child to show what he or she knows and is able to do.

1. Selecting an answer to a question.
2. Performing a requested task.
3. Being observed by the teacher during school or at recess.

Your child's kindergarten teacher will be glad to answer any questions you have about the Kindergarten Readiness Assessment Revised and how you can support your child's growth and development throughout the kindergarten year.