

The School District of Philadelphia

Kindergarten Checklist

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Children who learn the skills on this list will have a better foundation for future learning. They will more fully understand the teacher and the learning environment. Helping children learn these skills before and during kindergarten is an ongoing process.

Examples include (check off the list with ✓ in the middle columns)

Parent Name _____

Child's Name _____ Birth Date _____

Does Your Child	Yes	Not Yet	Does Your Child
1. Know his/her full name			
2. Know his/her age			
3. Know gender (boy/girl)			
4. Know home address and phone number			
5. Know family member's names (mother, father, grandparents, etc...)			
6. Know 8 letters of the alphabet and 8 letter sounds			
7. Know how to hold a book and turn pages			
8. Point to and name parts of the body			
9. Name clothing articles			
10. Know names of household items			
11. Identity common animals			
12. Know names of most foods			
13. Know the words for how things feel (textures)			
14. Know names of coins			
15. Know left and right			
16. Know some words that describe things			

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17. Know some words that tell how things move			
18. Know something about the places in your neighborhood			
19. Know the difference between big, bigger, biggest			
20. Know the difference between small, smaller, smallest			
21. Know how to count 10 things			
22. Can point out things that are the same or different			

It would help if your child could:	Yes	Not Yet	It would help if your child could:
23. Respond to his/her name			
24. Understand speech of others			
25. Respond to simple questions			
26. Use short complete sentence			
27. Follows 2-step directions			
28. Tell how he/she feels			
29. Ask questions of adults			
30. Relate 2 events of story in sequence			
31. Understand that the teacher is in charge in the classroom			
32. Be comfortable with adults while away from home			

Does your child have these social skills:	Yes	Not Yet	Does your child have these social skills:
33. Takes turns			
34. Shows respect for others and property			
35. Shares toys			
36. Is helpful			
37. Engage in Cooperative play			
38. Know how to say "Please" and "Thank you"			
39. Can sit quietly long enough to play with a toy, do a task, or listen to a story			
40. Does not argue and fight with other children			
41. Accepts disagreements			

Does your child have the following self help skills:	Yes	Not Yet	Does your child have the following self help skills:
42. Remove and can put on outer clothes			
43. Go to the bathroom without help			
44. Wash and dry own face and hands			
45. Feeds him/herself			
46. Keeps trying even when task is hard			
47. Isn't easily distracted			
48. Finishes tasks			

Does your child have these gross motor skills:	Yes	Not Yet	Does your child have these gross motor skills:
49. Walk with ease			
50. Run lightly on toes			
51. Jump from step using both feet			
52. Balance on each foot			
53. Walk up stairs by alternating feet			
54. Walk downstairs by alternating feet			
55. Throw and catch a ball			