



Kindergarten assessments are an important step in determining whether your child is ready for the start of their structured educational experience. Because of the pandemic last spring, we were unable to hold face-to-face readiness testing. But since it worked out well last year, we will once again rely on the recommendations from your child's pre-kindergarten teachers, as well as your input, to help us make these important readiness decisions for your children.

While kindergarten is a year full of rigorous academic standards, a strong academic foundation is only one aspect to consider. Perhaps the maturity and social/emotional well-being of your child is the most important factor. Skills such as listening and following directions, focusing on a task to completion, self-control, independently attending to personal needs, and transitioning to/from activities with ease contribute heavily to classroom success.

As we (and you as parents) consider the decision of whether your child is ready for kindergarten, we think not only about his/her understanding of academic concepts, but also about his/her maturity. Please also review the document from IDOE detailing basic readiness expectations for kindergarten that can be used as a guide to help gauge your child's readiness. If you have any doubt that your child will be ready for kindergarten, we strongly encourage you to give your child the gift of time and delay his/her start to kindergarten.