

Child Developmental Checklist

Is there a child aged three, four or five in your life who you are concerned is developing differently or is having problems learning?

If so, help is available for eligible children.

Many potential future learning difficulties can be altered if the challenges are recognized early and help is made available.

The following checklist is a guide to help you determine if you should seek further assistance to benefit your child:

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Yes No

PLAYING

- Does your child play near other children by age 3?
- Does your child join other children briefly in play by age 3?
- Does your child imitate adults doing routine chores by age 2 or 3?
- Does your child enjoy playing alone with pots and pans, sand, etc., by age 3?
- Does your child share and take turns by age 3?

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Yes No

TALKING

- Does your child say his or her first and last name by age 3?
- Does your child ask, "what" or "where" questions by age 3?
- Does your child repeat common rhymes or TV jingles by age 3?
- Does your child talk in short sentences by age 4?
- By age 5, can people outside your family understand your child speak?

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Yes No

MOVING

- Is your child able to kick a ball by age 3?
- Can your child run by age 3?
- Does your child walk up and down steps by age 3?
- Is your child able to balance on one foot for a short time by age 4?
- Can your child throw a ball overhand and catch a large ball bounced to him or her by age 5?

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Yes No

THINKING

- Does your child understand simple directions by age 3?
- Does your child associate functional use with familiar objects (such as a spoon for eating) by age 3?
- Does your child understand simple stories told or read to him or her by age 3?
- Does your child give reasonable answers to such questions as, "What do you do when you are sleepy?" or "What do you do when you are hungry?" by age 4?
- Does your child seem to understand the meanings of the words "today," "tomorrow," and "yesterday" by age 5?

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Yes No

LISTENING

- Does your child respond to common indoor sounds (telephone, doorbell) or outdoor sounds(car, airplane)?
- Does your child respond when you call from another room?
- Does your child have frequent earaches or ear discharge?
- Does your child turn the same ear toward a sound that he or she wishes to hear?

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Yes No

LOOKING

- Does your child frequently rub his or her eyes or complain this their eyes hurt?
- Does your child have reddened, watering or encrusted eyelids?
- Does your child hold his or her head in a strained for awkward position (tilts head to either side, thrusts head forward or backward) when trying to look at a particular person or object?
- Does your child sometimes or always cross one eye or both?

If you have checked several items listed above “yes” and you have a child between the ages of 3 and 5 years of age whom you suspect may have a development delay, please contact Joan Ruberton at the school district’s Child Study Team Office, at (856)478-2016 ext. 7141.