



# West Bloomfield PRESCHOOL ACADEMY

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## Ages and Stages Questionnaires

At West Bloomfield Preschool Academy, we are committed to supporting the growth and development of every child in our care. As part of our enrollment process, we use the *Ages and Stages Questionnaire (ASQ)*, a reliable and research-based screening tool that helps us better understand your child's developmental progress.

### Why Do We Use the ASQ?

The ASQ is designed to help us assess important milestones in your child's cognitive, physical, communication, social-emotional, and adaptive development. It is a simple, easy-to-use questionnaire that we ask parents to complete, providing us with valuable insights into your child's strengths and areas where they may need additional support. The ASQ helps us:

- **Gain a Deeper Understanding of Your Child:** The screening gives us a clearer picture of where your child is in their development, ensuring we are meeting their needs from the very beginning.
- **Identify Areas for Growth:** The ASQ can highlight areas where a child may need extra help or attention, allowing us to address these needs early on with tailored strategies and resources.
- **Ensure a Strong Start:** By identifying developmental milestones, we can create a learning environment that nurtures each child's unique abilities and encourages continued growth.

### What Does the ASQ Involve?

The ASQ is a parent-completed questionnaire that covers a variety of developmental areas, including:

- Communication (e.g., speech, understanding)
- Gross motor skills (e.g., walking, running)
- Fine motor skills (e.g., hand-eye coordination)
- Problem-solving and cognitive abilities
- Social-emotional development (e.g., interactions with others)

It is a simple and non-invasive way to gain insights into your child's abilities, and your responses are kept confidential. This tool is not meant to diagnose, but rather to give us a better understanding of your child's development, allowing us to offer the best possible learning experience for them.

### How We Use the Results

After you complete the ASQ, our teachers and staff will review the results and use the information to plan appropriate activities, set goals, and, if necessary, provide additional resources to support your child's development. If any concerns arise from the screening, we will communicate with you and work together to find ways to best support your child moving forward.

We truly believe that by partnering with families and understanding each child's unique development, we can create a nurturing and engaging environment that promotes learning and growth.

If you have any questions about the ASQ or the screening process, please don't hesitate to reach out. We are here to support you and your child every step of the way.