

School Readiness Checklist

School readiness describes the skills, knowledge, and behaviors a child needs to be successful in school. This includes physical, cognitive, adaptive, and social/emotional developmental areas. FCPS recognizes that children grow and develop at different rates and skills vary by child. Please remember that the only prerequisite for entering kindergarten is that a child is 5 years old on or before August 1st.



GENERAL KNOWLEDGE AND MATHEMATICS

<input type="checkbox"/>	• Sorts and classifies objects
<input type="checkbox"/>	• Notices similarities and differences
<input type="checkbox"/>	• Identifies basic colors
<input type="checkbox"/>	• Counts in a sequence up to 30
<input type="checkbox"/>	• Counts sets of objects up to 10
<input type="checkbox"/>	• Matches objects with numerals up to 10
<input type="checkbox"/>	• Recognizes, names, and copies basic shapes (including circle, square, triangle, rectangle)
<input type="checkbox"/>	• Asks such questions as who, what, when, where, why, and how
<input type="checkbox"/>	• Understands simple concepts of time (night and day, today, yesterday, tomorrow)



HEALTH AND PHYSICAL WELL-BEING

<input type="checkbox"/>	• Eats a balanced diet
<input type="checkbox"/>	• Gets plenty of rest
<input type="checkbox"/>	• Receives all required immunizations and medical exams (physicals, dental and vision)
<input type="checkbox"/>	• Runs, jumps, climbs, and does other activities that develop large muscles and provide exercise
<input type="checkbox"/>	• Uses pencils, crayons, scissors, and paints and does other activities that help develop small muscles



SOCIAL & EMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT

<input type="checkbox"/>	• Plays and shares with other children
<input type="checkbox"/>	• Follows simple rules and routines
<input type="checkbox"/>	• Expresses own needs and wants
<input type="checkbox"/>	• Shows curiosity and motivation to learn
<input type="checkbox"/>	• Explores and tries new things
<input type="checkbox"/>	• Separates easily from parents and family
<input type="checkbox"/>	• Works well alone
<input type="checkbox"/>	• Attends to tasks and seeks help when encountering a problem



LANGUAGE & COMMUNICATION

<input type="checkbox"/>	• Speaks in five- to six-word sentences
<input type="checkbox"/>	• Sings simple songs
<input type="checkbox"/>	• Recognizes and says simple rhymes
<input type="checkbox"/>	• Knows own full name
<input type="checkbox"/>	• Reads and writes own name
<input type="checkbox"/>	• Knows home address, phone number, and birthday
<input type="checkbox"/>	• Knows how books work
<input type="checkbox"/>	–The difference between print and pictures
<input type="checkbox"/>	–Books are read from front to back
<input type="checkbox"/>	–Print moves from left to right, top to bottom
<input type="checkbox"/>	• Recognizes familiar print from surroundings (traffic signs, store logos, such as Target, McDonald's, and Walmart; food labels)
<input type="checkbox"/>	• Listens to and responds to stories read to them
<input type="checkbox"/>	• Uses scribbles and drawings to express ideas
<input type="checkbox"/>	• Uses pictures to tell a story
<input type="checkbox"/>	• Recites the letters of the alphabet
<input type="checkbox"/>	• Identifies upper- and lowercase letters of the alphabet



SELF-HELP SKILLS

<input type="checkbox"/>	• Uses the toilet without help
<input type="checkbox"/>	• Fastens and unfastens own clothing (zippers, shoes, jackets) with-out assistance
<input type="checkbox"/>	• Feeds self using utensils
<input type="checkbox"/>	• Helps put away toys or clothes
<input type="checkbox"/>	• Keeps track of personal belongings
<input type="checkbox"/>	• Covers mouth or nose when sneezing or coughing

Access additional resources for school readiness at:

Go.fcps.net/SchoolReadiness



Use the checklist to help you and your child keep track of the skills they have learned. Place a check mark in each box once your child has completed the activities for that skill.

Foster a love of learning by making it fun and engaging.