

Kindergarten Readiness



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Resource 9.1 Transition Practices Timeline

	Date	Practice	Purpose
1	Late March	Meeting between preschool teachers and kindergarten teachers	Preschool teachers and kindergarten teachers meet informally for open communication, articulation of ideas, and exchanges of information and experiences.
2	Early April	Preschool classroom and kindergarten classroom observation exchange	Preschool teachers observe in the kindergarten classroom and kindergarten teachers observe in the preschool classroom to learn more about each other's programs and see students in action.
3	Mid-April	Family informational meeting: kindergarten readiness	Families of preschoolers are invited to learn more about kindergarten readiness and what they can do to help their children.
4	Early May	Preschool conference	Each preschool teacher meets with each preschooler's family to discuss the preschooler's progress and readiness for kindergarten.
5	Early May	Kindergarten visit	Incoming families visit the kindergarten classrooms to learn more about the kindergarten program.
6	Mid-May	Preschool questionnaire	These questionnaires, completed by preschool staff, provide information to the kindergarten teachers about each student's abilities and skills in preschool.
7	Mid-May	Family survey	The family of each incoming kindergartner answers questions about their child's abilities, skills, and behavior at home to inform teachers of each child's strengths and challenges.
8	Early June	<i>Sneak peek</i> visit in a kindergarten classroom	Incoming kindergartners are allowed to see for themselves what the kindergarten classroom is like, and kindergarten teachers and staff are given an opportunity to observe the children.
9	Mid-June	Kindergarten teachers generate class lists	The elementary administrator and kindergarten team create kindergarten class lists to promote balanced classes.
10	Mid- to late August	Summer kindergarten readiness program	This optional weeklong readiness program is designed to prepare entering kindergartners for school and is modeled after a typical kindergarten learning environment.
11	Day before school officially begins	Kindergarten orientation	Kindergarten orientation helps children get excited about the first day of school and reduces the anxiety they may be feeling.
12	First or second week of school	School begins: building classroom community, communication, family involvement, and partnerships	The kindergarten teacher welcomes families into the classroom community and invites them to participate in the school.
13	Fourth week of school	Kindergarten conferences	The kindergarten teacher meets with kindergartner's family to discuss child's adjustment to kindergarten.