

Kindergarten Transition Summary Form Talking Points

Congratulations on this important milestone!

You are your child's first and most important teacher and you play a critical role in your child's future success in school. Children experience smooth transitions into Kindergarten when families, child care/preschool providers and Kindergarten teachers all work together.

In order to support children as they transition from home and child care/preschool environments into the public school system, please complete a ***Kindergarten Transition Summary Form*** describing your child's strengths, interests as well as any concerns you may have. Information on the form is aligned with our state's early learning standards for children ages birth through the third grade entitled the *Washington State Early Learning and Development Guidelines*.

Young children's development varies. No two children are exactly alike nor do they develop at the same rate or in the same ways. Children do not need to have mastered the skills, knowledge and abilities listed on the form. **Children are ready for Kindergarten if they are 5 by August of the upcoming school year.**

You may complete the form on your own **or** with your child care/preschool provider and return the completed form along with your registration packet. **The school only needs one completed form.** This information is given to the Kindergarten teachers before the start of the school year.

Information gained through the Kindergarten Transition Summary Form is Valuable

Teachers reported that they often start the school year with little to no information on Kindergarten age students – which makes supporting children more challenging.

In a recent survey, teachers commented that the information on the form:

- is useful for developing instructional plans
- assists in the placement of students
- helps to make information about each child available early and allows teachers to follow-up on potential areas of concern identified by the family

The form helps to make information about each child available early and will allow the teacher and school to follow-up on potential concerns identified from the family.

Where can I find the Kindergarten Transition Summary Form?

Forms are available in your Kindergarten registration packet. You can also download the form at www.selfwa.org in the Ready Schools section under the Education tab. You can also ask your child's child care or preschool teacher for a copy.

When should the form be turned in to the school?

Turn the form in along with your completed registration paperwork when you enroll your child in Kindergarten.