



SUPPORT FOR EARLY LEARNING & FAMILIES

Age 5? Your Child Is Ready For Kindergarten!

Congratulations on this important milestone!

Preparing Children for Kindergarten is a Team Effort and We Can Help!

SELF is a non-profit organization whose primary goal is to prepare our youngest children for success in school and in life.

Research shows that children experience smooth transitions into Kindergarten with few challenges when families, child care/preschool providers and Kindergarten teachers all work together.

How Can We Help with Your Child's Transition to Kindergarten?

- In order to better 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 to our state's early learning standards for children ages birth through the third grade entitled the *Washington State Early Learning and Development Guidelines*.

How Do I Know If My Child is Ready for Kindergarten?

- 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 31st of the upcoming school year.
- Please visit SELF's website to download a copy of a Kindergarten readiness brochure that provides more information about how you can continue to support your child's learning at selfwa.org.

Completing the Kindergarten Transition Summary Form

- You are your child's first and most important teacher and you play a critical role in your child's continued growth and future success in school.
- You can complete the form on your own or with your child care/preschool provider and return the completed form along with your registration packet to the school.
- The school only needs one completed form. This information is given to the Kindergarten teachers before the start of the school year.

Where can I find the Kindergarten Transition Summary Form?

- You can download the form at selfwa.org in the Ready Schools section under the Education tab, or by clicking on the box entitled *Kindergarten Transition Form* Now Available.

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.
- You can also mail a copy to the school district where your child will attend. To find your district's contact, go to selfwa.org, click on Ready Schools and click on the link entitled Where to send your completed form.
- Please remember to sign and date the bottom of the form
- Don't forget to keep a copy for yourself