

# Early Childhood Screening



The early childhood years from birth to the start of kindergarten are an important time of rapid learning and growth.

**Early Childhood Screening** is a quick and simple check of how your child is growing and developing.

Between the ages of **3 and 4**, screening can detect possible health or learning concerns, so that children can get help before they start school.

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## Should I wait until my child is in kindergarten?

**No, earlier is better!** Waiting until a child is in school may be waiting too long. If your child is between the ages of **3 and 4**, call your school district to ask about **Early Childhood Screening\***.

\*A health and developmental Screening from Head Start, Child and Teen Checkups or your health care provider may meet the school requirements.

## At your child's screening, a trained professional will check\*\*

- ★ Vision
- ★ Hearing
- ★ Height & Weight
- ★ Immunization (shots) status
- ★ Large & Small Muscles
- ★ Thinking, Language, & Communication Skills
- ★ Social & Emotional Development

\*\* Some school districts may offer other screening components, including dental and nutrition reviews.

## Does my child need an Early Childhood Screening?

All of the information from your child's **Early Childhood Screening** is important to his/her future school success. After the screening, you will know how your child is growing, developing and learning.

In order for your child to start kindergarten in any Minnesota public school, you will need to provide your child's **Early Childhood Screening Summary Form** and **Immunization Record**.

## Is there a charge?

Early Childhood Screening is **FREE!**

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Use this card to prepare for your child's Early Childhood Screening appointment.

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## How Can I prepare for My Child's Screening?

**Record your observations** about your child's growth and development and include any questions or concerns.

Things that my child does well:

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### QUESTIONS

I have about my child's health:

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I have about my child's development:  
(ex. Learning, walking or talking)

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## Where is the nearest Early Childhood Screening location?

Contact your local school district at:

Or find the nearest screening location by visiting: **MNParentsKnow.info** and search "Find a Program."

Can't find the information you need?  
Call 651-582-8412

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### QUESTIONS

I have about my child's seeing or hearing:

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Other questions I have:

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## What other information is needed?

Bring information about your child's health care provider, pediatrician and clinic/hospital name and phone.

**Be sure to bring your child's Immunization Record** (vaccinations and shots) to the Early Childhood Screening appointment.

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