

Purpose of the Kindergarten Transition

The purpose of the Kindergarten Transition is to be sure that:

- Children and families are provided with the information and tools to successfully enter school
- Schools are prepared for children and families
- Community resources are aligned to support children, families, and schools

Kindergarten Transition Benefits Children By:

- Being greeted in a warm and friendly manner
- Meeting staff and other children promotes positive relationships
- Experiencing the school environment helps increase children's comfort level
- Becoming familiar with school activities results in greater learning potential
- Enhancing children's self esteem
- Having needs for additional services identified

Kindergarten Transition Benefits Families By:

- Being welcomed in a warm and friendly manner
- Learning ways to be an active partner with the school
- Creating opportunities for families to become familiar and confident in communicating with school personnel and other families
- Receiving information about school procedures, programs, additional services, calendar events, and district resources
- Understanding how to help and prepare children for school

Kindergarten Transition Benefits the Schools and Staff by:

- Meeting children and families
- Receiving enrollment information and potential numbers of students
- Providing an optimum setting for informing families
- Beginning the process of on-going communication with families
- Helping families understand program and district expectations
- Increasing efficiency of program planning, implementation, and student placement
- Being informed by parents of the child's unique characteristics, strengths, and needs
- Enhancing ability to meet individual needs of children
- Increasing efficiency of program planning and implementation and student placement