



Kindergarten Readiness Survey

Dear Families,

The Ingham Great Start Collaborative, part of the State of Michigan's Office of Great Start, has adjourned a School Readiness Committee in support of the Office of Great Start's Early Childhood Outcomes:

Children are...

Born healthy;

Healthy, thriving, and developmentally on track from birth to third grade;

Developmentally ready to succeed in school at the time of school entry;

Prepared to succeed in 4th grade and beyond reading proficiently by the end of 3rd grade.

In support of that effort we are asking families to complete the following survey. The School Readiness Committee will review the results based on family input, early childhood teachers and community members.

A goal of the committee is to develop a list of skills, knowledge and dispositions for distribution to support our community support children to be ***developmentally ready to succeed in school at the time of school entry.***

Thank you, in advance, for completing the survey.

DEMOGRAPHICS:

1. What zip code do you live in? _____ Which elementary school is closest to your home? _____
2. What is your race/ethnicity? (Please, check all that apply)
 Native American or Alaska Native Asian Hawaiian or Pacific Islander Black or African- American White Hispanic or Latina/o
3. Please list the language(s) spoken in your home: _____
4. Are you currently employed?
 Yes, full time Yes, part-time No
5. What is your annual income?
 Less than \$10,000 \$10,000 to \$24,999 \$25,000 to \$39,999
 \$40,000 to \$64,999 \$65,000 to \$79,999 \$80,000 or more
6. What is the highest level of education you have completed? (Please, check one box)
 Did not graduate from High School GED
 High School Technical Certification
 Associate's Degree Bachelor's Degree
 Graduate Degree Other (please specify: _____)
7. Does your family currently receive or participate in any of the following? (Check all that apply)
 Medicaid WIC Childcare scholarship or subsidy
 Children's Special Healthcare Services
8. What is your marital status? Single Married Partnered Separated Divorced Widowed
9. How many adults live in your residence? _____
10. What is your gender? Male Female
11. Do you rent your own residence or stay with relatives or friends? Rent Own Stay with relatives or friends
12. How many children ages 0-8 are in your care? _____ under 2 years old? _____ ages 2 to 5? _____ ages 5 to 8? _____
13. What is your role in caring for these children?
 Biological Mother Grandmother Adoptive Parent
 Biological Father Grandfather Friend of Family
 Other Relative Foster Parent Other, specify _____

SURVEY

1. Which of the following do you agree with? (Check all that apply)

- Only kids with disabilities need preschool
- You have to be on assistance to go to preschool
- I didn't need preschool, so my kids won't need it either
- Preschool isn't necessary. My kids will learn what they need to know at school
- Parents play an important role in getting their kids ready for school
- There are some TV programs that are as good as preschool
- Preschool is not a safe place
- Children need to go to preschool to be ready for school
- Children that are not White/Caucasian are treated differently in preschool
- Preschool teachers and classrooms should reflect children's race and culture

2. Who do you go to for help if you have questions about your child's development?

3. In your opinion, which of the following do children need to know or be able to do in order to be ready for school? (Check all that apply)

- Identify 10 letters and their sounds
- Have letter sound knowledge
- Use and appreciate books
- Retell stories he/she has heard
- Write his/her name
- Count to 20
- Ask questions
- Understand shapes
- Know where he/she lives
- Use pencils and crayons
- Connect numbers with amounts
- Understand and be able to handle their emotions in positive ways
- Interact well with peers
- Solve social problems
- Sort colors
- Jump and hop
- Paint or draw
- Follow directions
- Have a large vocabulary
- Have a conversation
- Understand that all children are equal even if they look or sound different

4. What things does your child need to be physically healthy before they enter kindergarten?

5. What does your child need to do independently before they enter kindergarten?