

Missouri School Readiness Definition

School readiness is a combination of readiness among children, families, schools and communities:

- For children, school readiness means being prepared in key dimensions of early learning and development (social and emotional, language and literacy, cognitive, motor, health and physical well-being, and positive attitudes and behaviors toward learning.)
- For families, it means an understanding of their children’s current level of development and how to encourage them, as well as a supportive partnership with the school and an understanding of the school system their children will enter.
- For schools, it means providing a welcoming and accepting environment for all children and having professional educators who consistently advance student growth and achievement while working in partnership with families.
- For communities, it means supporting schools, families and valuing the critical role of early learning.