



## Do you have concerns about your child's development?

Early detection is very important and  
there are resources available.

The sooner a delay in development  
is discovered, the sooner help  
can be offered.



Fairbanks North Star Borough School District

## Preschool Child Find

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Developmental screenings  
for children ages 3-5



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It's natural to wonder how your child is progressing in all areas of development. You want to know if your child is meeting the age-appropriate milestones for speech and language, motor skills, social behavior, self help and thinking.

Here are some of the things your child should be able to do at the following ages:

### By the age of three

- Run without falling often
- Walk up and down stairs holding a railing
- Imitate drawing a circle (not perfectly round)
- Build a block tower of at least eight blocks
- Can do some things for themselves (like putting on clothes and feeding themselves)
- Be understood more than half the time
- Use several words together (like Mommy catch ball)
- Follow simple directions
- Point to six body parts when asked
- Balance on one foot for one second
- Match colors and shapes
- Play alongside other children with similar toys



### By the age of four

- Catch and throw a large ball
- Hold crayons with fingers instead of fist
- Ask what, who, when, and where questions

- Recognize and name at least five colors
- Play with other children and share toys
- Dress themselves completely except some fasteners
- Help with little chores around the house
- Count to five
- Be understood by others, but still has some speech errors
- Listen to books and request favorite ones
- Engage in make-believe play



### By the age of five

- Walk up and down stairs without using a railing or assistance
- Count to ten
- Explain what objects are used for (like a knife is for cutting)
- Go to the bathroom without help
- Name at least eight colors and four shapes
- Draw simple pictures
- Be understood most of the time, but may still have speech errors with S, L and R
  - Talk in long sentences, tell short stories and retell events
  - Stay with an activity that interests them for ten minutes or more
  - Share and take turns without arguing
  - Follow simple two-step directions



If your child has difficulties with some or many of the skills listed in their age range, you might want to have them screened through Preschool Child Find.

This program is offered by the Fairbanks North Star Borough School District for children ages 3-5 and is free of charge.

A phone interview will determine if screening is necessary. At the screening appointment, your child will be asked to complete age-appropriate tasks and have their hearing and vision checked. If necessary, a further evaluation will be suggested.

If you feel your child could benefit from a Preschool Child Find screening please call the FNSB School District Special Education Department at 452-2000, ext. 11445

Early identification of a child's needs before they enter school can help ensure a successful school experience. Please don't hesitate to call if you have questions or want to schedule a screening.

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