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Early learning is fun. It helps children build key skills they need to be ready for school. From the day they are born, young children are learning. Everyday interactions and loving relationships contribute to brain development and help curious children develop basic skills.

How are Shasta County's children doing? Are they ready for school when they go to kindergarten?

These survey results offer some answers. Results come from First 5 Shasta's *School Readiness Survey 2004*.



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Kindergarten students

In Shasta County, 60 percent of children are adequately prepared to start school when they enter kindergarten.

...that means
4 out of 10 are not!

60%

of students are adequately prepared for school.

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Pre-Academic skills

Fifty-six percent of Shasta County kindergarteners know their colors and shapes and recognize some letters and sounds when they start school.

...that means
4 out of 10 do not!

56%

of kindergarteners have pre-academic skills.

CHILDREN

who
are ready for school

are physically healthy,
communicate effectively,
have cooperative social skills,
and are enthusiastic
about learning!

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Language

74%

of children starting kindergarten have good language skills.

...that means
3 out of 10 do not!

More information at

www.first5shasta.org

Attention span

The attention span of a five-year-old is about five to ten minutes. Children who get plenty of sleep and have an "age-appropriate" attention span can focus on tasks in the kindergarten classroom.



Physical well-being

Routine healthy practices like good nutrition and physical activity help with a child's physical well-being.

64%

of kindergarten students in Shasta County have an age-appropriate attention span ...that means 4 out of 10 do not!

64%

of Shasta County kindergarteners show they use routine healthy practices ...that means 4 out of 10 do not!

When it comes to school readiness, how young children **feel** is as important as how they **think**!

Social skills

58%

of Shasta County children start school with social skills like:

- Cooperating with others
- Making friends
- Sharing
- Coping with frustration

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First Facts Web Library

More information about preparing young children for school is online at first5shasta.org/firstfacts or call 229-8300.

partners
The support children need to be ready for school comes from parents, schools, and communities working together.