

Kindergarten Transition Timeline

Done 

When you've finished a task, color in the circles with your child.
This will help start the conversation about kindergarten.

August-
September

(From birth on)

- Has your child had their '1 before 2' screening?
- Contact STRIDE at (307) 632-2991 to set up a free appointment.

Done

www.stridekids.com

September

(1 yr. prior to the start of kindergarten)

- Talk to your preschool teacher about the skills your child needs to strengthen before kindergarten.

Done

September

(Learn, Grow, Read!)

- Read to your child each day.
- One of the most exciting parts of kindergarten is the new adventure of learning how to read. Prepare your child by simply reading the words around you on cereal boxes, at the grocery store, on street signs, etc.
- See 'Julie's List' on the Kindergarten Readiness website

Done

October

(1 yr. prior to the start of kindergarten)

- Attend presentation, "Ready or Not - Here I Come" to help prepare your child for kindergarten. Click on our website below for details.

Done

[LCSD1 Kindergarten Readiness Website](#)

November

- Talk with your child about going to kindergarten. Find out about your neighborhood school by visiting the LCSD1 website below.

Done

[Laramie County School District #1](#)

January

- Visit the school where your child will be attending kindergarten; take a tour of the building.
- Make sure vaccinations are up to date; see link below.

Done

[LCSD1 School Health Services](#)

January-
August

[Laramie County Library](#)

- Establish a schedule at home - time to wake up, time to go to sleep.
- Work on independence in self-care skills (dressing self, feeding self, zipping coat, and toileting).

Done

January-
August

- Practice skills that need to be strengthened before kindergarten.
- See "What Every Child Should Know Before Entering Kindergarten" pamphlet for details.

Done

April

- Attend **kindergarten registration** to enroll your child into kindergarten and set up a screening appointment...see LCSD website for details.

Done

May

- Find out if your school will be doing any special activities to strengthen the skills needed for entry to kindergarten.

Done

May

- Attend 'Kindergarten Orientation' at your neighborhood school.
- Plan your child's transportation to and from school.
- Be involved! Find out from the school ways that you can volunteer - in the classroom, on field trips, at special events, etc. When you're involved at school, you're showing your child and his teacher that his education is important to you!

Done

May-June-
July

(Summer before
kindergarten)

- Visit the school where your child will be attending...play on the playground together.
- Take your child to the **public library** for summer activities.

Done

July
(Summer before kindergarten)

- Buy school supplies - check local stores or LCSD 1 website for a school supply list.
- Get yourself a folder to store important information about upcoming events, dates, and notices that your child brings home from school.

Done

August

- Adjust your daily routine to fit the school day schedule. Have your child get up earlier, eat lunch later, and spend some time doing fun projects or activities together that will help him in the learning mode.

Done

August

- Back to school. Attend **Open House activities at your neighborhood school**. Ask for tips from teachers on how to have a successful year.

Done

August - May
(Your child starts kindergarten)

- Provide updated address, phone numbers, and emergency contacts. Read ALL notes and newsletters that come home from your child's teacher as soon as you can.
- Ask your child what he has been doing in school using specific and straightforward questions; for example, "What did you make in art class today?" or "Who did you play with at recess today?"

Done

Learning is fun! The most important thing regarding this crucial transition into formal education is the understanding that school and learning are fun and exciting. Don't sweat the small stuff and make things unnecessarily stressful. Tap into your child's natural curiosity and excitement about learning new things and the year is sure to be a success.