

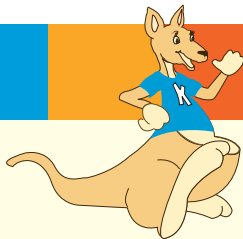


# Ready... Set... **Grow!**



Schedule Your  
**3-Year-Old**

For An Early Childhood Check-In/Screening



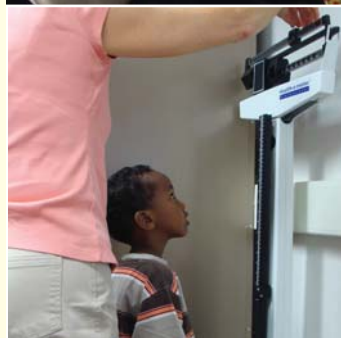
## What Is Early Childhood Check-In/Screening?

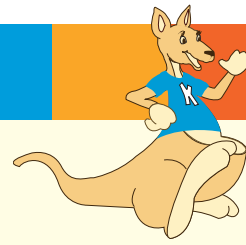
Did you know that the State of Minnesota requires that all children check in for a developmental screening before entering public kindergarten programs?

The Rochester Public Schools provide a comprehensive early childhood check-in for any child 3-years-old or older at no charge. The school staff will check your child's:

- Vision
- Hearing
- Growth
- Immunization status
- Skills in thinking, communication, and language; large and small muscle control; and social and emotional development.

The best time to schedule your child's Check-In is when he or she turns 3-years-old. The tasks your child will be asked to complete are age appropriate so just as your child grows and changes with age, so will the tasks he or she will complete at the Check-In. The Check-In will not be "easier" because your child is older.





## Why Should I Schedule My **3-Year-Old** For An Early Childhood Check-In/Screening?

- The Check-In gives you valuable information about your child, information about community resources, and time to help prepare your child for success in school.
- Getting your child screened at age 3 will help you identify—at an early age—any hearing, vision, health, growth, or general development needs your child may have.
- Even if you have no concerns about your child's health, growth, or development, you must still provide your child's check-in summary and an immunization record before he or she will be allowed to start school.
- The Check-In needs to be completed only once, so getting it done early will be one less thing you have to do before sending your child to school for the first time.
- The **Check-In is free** and a great way to get answers to your parenting questions and concerns.

## What Else **Do I Need** **To Know?**

- Appointments are scheduled at a variety of days and times.
- A parent or guardian must attend the screening with the child.
- An interpreter is provided if needed.
- Routine physical exams performed by your family physician do not meet all the requirements of the Early Childhood Check-In/Screening.
- If your child receives special education services from the Rochester Public Schools, speak with your child's teacher regarding the screening.



## Is This A Test To **Get My Child Into Kindergarten?**

**No.**

A Check-In/Screening is required by the State of Minnesota before your child can enter school, but it is not a “readiness test” for kindergarten. An early look at your child’s development gives you information about your child, resource information, and time to fully prepare your child for success in school.

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## When Will I Get **The Check-In Results?**

**Immediately.**

At the end of your child’s Check-In, you will meet with the staff to discuss the results of the screening. The staff will answer any questions you may have and connect you with early childhood programs and other community services that will help you get your child K-ready!





## Don't Wait!

Schedule your 3-year-old for an Early Childhood Check-In/Screening. Just call

**507-328-4004**

and put your child on the path to success.

EARLY CHILDHOOD

CHECK-IN/SCREENING LOCATION:

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201 8th Street NW, Rochester, MN 55901



Edison Building  
615 7th Street SW, Rochester, MN 55902



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