

Kindergarten Readiness



United Way
of the Wabash Valley

Pathway to Success

Benefits of High-Quality Early Childhood Education and Experiences

Learning Starts at Birth: 90% of Brain Growth Happens Before Kindergarten



Reading Aloud to Your Child

Reading to children 6-7 days per week has the same effect on reading skills as being almost 12 months older.¹

Play and Socialization with Other Children

Through interaction, young children acquire social and emotional skills, such as regulating emotions, sharing with others, and following instructions. These skills lay the foundation for developing literacy, numeracy, and other cognitive abilities critical for success in school and life.²

High-Quality Preschool

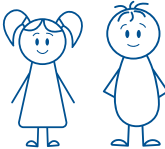
Children in early childhood education programs are less likely to repeat a grade, more prepared academically for later grades, and more likely to graduate from high school and become higher earners in the workforce.³

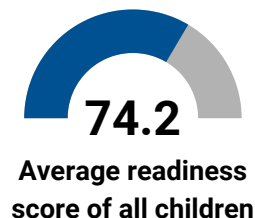


How Ready Are Wabash Valley Children for Kindergarten?

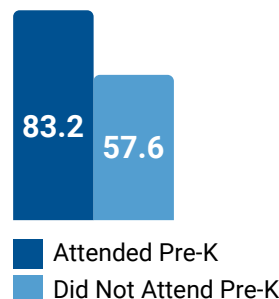
Each year the Success By 6 Impact Council uses a 15-question Kindergarten Readiness Checklist (KRC) to assess kindergarten readiness. This KRC is distributed to kindergarten teachers across the Wabash Valley. A random sample of students is assessed to measure the overall community kindergarten readiness score based on a 100-point scale.



Below are our 2021-2022 school year findings.



105 Classrooms
36 Schools
420 Students⁴



Average score of children who...



Strongest Skills 
Identifies 8 colors (84.1) 
Grasps and uses crayons and pencils (81.0)

Weakest Skills 
Follows multi-step directions (61.8)
Identifies at least 13 letters by name (58.2)

Learn more about the work of our Success By 6 Council and explore the kindergarten readiness dashboard at uwwv.org/sb6

1.) <https://www.education.vic.gov.au/documents/about/research/readtoyoungchild.pdf>

2.) https://www.ncsl.org/Portals/1/Documents/cyf/Social-Emotional-Development_v02_web.pdf

3.) <https://www.nea.org/advocating-for-change/action-center/our-issues/early-childhood-education>

4.) This sampling of over 2000 kindergarten students in our 6-county area provides 99% confidence in an error rate less than 5%.