

4 Rs OF SCHOOL READINESS

WHEN THE 4 Rs WORK TOGETHER — CHILDREN THRIVE!



01

Ready to Grow – Children

Children are ready for school when they:

- Show curiosity and basic knowledge about the world
- See and use print often
- Learn by doing — play, explore, and discover!
- Stay motivated and eager to try new things
- Enjoy music, art, and pretend play
- Get along with others and manage emotions
- Understand group rules and routines
- Can express themselves clearly
- Have had vision, hearing, and health needs checked



Ready to Support – Families

Families help their child get ready by:

- Being their child's first teacher
- Creating a safe, stable, and healthy home
- Promoting good food, sleep, and movement
- Knowing where to find help and resources
- Supporting their child's learning every day!



02

Ready to Teach – Professionals & Schools

Educators and schools support readiness by:

- Believing every child can succeed
- Having trained and caring teachers
- Offering smooth transitions from home to school
- Using age-appropriate classrooms and tools
- Working closely with families
- Helping childcare providers use the Mississippi Readiness Standards
- Encouraging preschool-kindergarten collaboration



03

Ready to Partner – Communities

Communities play a key role when they:

- Offer affordable, quality early care
- Create safe and healthy spaces for families
- Provide services for children with extra needs
- Encourage lifelong learning for parents
- Support working families with wrap-around care
- Align services across local agencies and partners (Head Start, libraries, schools, local coalitions, family centers, and more!)



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