

School Readiness Goals for Infants and Toddlers

Shasta Head Start has established School Readiness Goals to help ensure that children are ready for school and families are ready to support their child's learning. These goals will help children develop the skills, knowledge, and attitudes necessary for school and later learning in life. Together we will focus on achieving these goals by planning activities and individualizing for all children.

Domain: Social and Emotional Development

- Infants and toddlers will show increasing awareness of own identity and preferences as distinct from and in relation to others. (DRDP (2025) SED 1) (*HSELOF Sense of Identity and Belonging*)
- Infants and toddlers will develop an increasing ability to identify and process emotions. (DRDP (2025) SED 5) (*HSELOF Emotional Functioning*)

Domain: Approaches to Learning

- Infants and toddlers will develop increasing ability to engage by sustaining attention, contributing, and persisting, when appropriate, related to learning activities. (DRDP (2025) ATL 1) (*HSELOF Cognitive Self-Regulation*)

Domain: Foundational Language Development

- Infants and toddlers will use increasingly complex language, including vocabulary, sentences, questions, narrative, and explanations, in their home language, English, sign language, or Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC). (DRDP (2025) FLD 2) (*HSELOF Vocabulary*)
- Infants and toddlers will engage in back-and-forth communication with shared focus in increasingly extended conversations, using home language, English, sign language, or AAC. (DRDP (2025) FLD 3) (*HSELOF Communication and Speaking*)

Domain: Cognition and Math

- Infants and toddlers will show increasing understanding of objects in relation to each other and how objects move in space. (DRDP (2025) COG: MATH 1) (*HSELOF Emergent Mathematical Thinking*)
- Infants and toddlers will show increasing ability to sort objects into groups according to attributes, qualities, features, characteristics, or use. (DRDP (2025) COG: MATH 2) (*HSELOF Emergent Mathematical Thinking*)

Domain: Physical Development

- Infants and toddlers will demonstrate increasing precision, strength, coordination, and efficiency when using muscles of the hand for play and functional tasks. (DRDP (2025) PD 4) (*HSELOF Fine Motor*)

Domain: Health

- Infants and toddlers will show increasing awareness of safety and increasingly demonstrate knowledge of safety skills. (DRDP (2025) HLTH 1) (*HSELOF Health, Safety, and Nutrition*)