

**Community Action of Eastern Iowa Head Start
Infant and Toddler School Readiness Goals**

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Infant and toddler school readiness goals are based on five areas. These areas include:

Approaches to Learning: Noticeable actions that show us the way your child becomes engaged in interactions with other children and in their own learning experiences.

Cognition and General Knowledge: How infants and toddlers learn, understand, and apply what they know in Social Studies, Science, Math, Logic and Reasoning, and Literacy.

Language and Literacy: The skills your child has to communicate with others and to understand what is being said to them. Also, the knowledge and skills for reading and writing.

Physical Development: The over-all physical well-being of your child. The use of their body, muscle control, and healthy habits.

Social and Emotional Development: Your child's ability to form skills needed to keep positive relationships, manage their behavior and emotions, and develop their own identity.

Approaches to Learning Goal:

- Infants and toddlers will develop the skills (initiative, curiosity, imagination, persistence) necessary to explore the world around them, gain a sense of self and a feeling of belonging to a group, and skills needed to problem solve and achieve desired results with help from caregivers and/or peers.

Cognition and General Knowledge Goals:

- ***Social Studies Knowledge and Skills:*** Infants and toddlers will display a beginning understanding of their body and will display an awareness of the world around them.
- ***Science Knowledge and Skills:*** Infants and toddlers will interact with their natural environment and materials and will use their senses to explore and gather information.
- ***Mathematics Knowledge and Skills:*** Infants and toddlers will show interest in basic math concepts throughout their day such as repeating basic actions in a sequence, noticing patterns, and noticing differences in basic characteristics.
- ***Logic and Reasoning:*** Infants and toddlers will demonstrate understanding and reasoning abilities through the use of their bodies, objects, and others.

Language and Literacy Goals:

- Infants and toddlers will develop skills to explore and understand print and writing skills.
- Infants and toddlers will begin to experiment, engage, and develop a basic understanding of communication.

English Language Development

- Infants and toddlers who are dual language learners will demonstrate progression of understanding of the English Language, expressive and receptive, while still nurturing their home language.

Physical Development Goal:

- Infants and toddlers will demonstrate basic balancing skills, fine and gross motor skills, and hand-eye coordination.

Social and Emotional Development Goal:

- Infants and toddlers will begin to express and manage their feelings as well as demonstrating understanding of others feelings.