



Early Entry to Kindergarten Testing Information from Wynns Family Psychology

Thank you for considering Early Entry to Kindergarten Testing services with Wynns Family Psychology. We hope this document will answer some of your initial questions and provide the reassurance that you're in expert hands. If you have any further questions or would like to schedule an appointment after reviewing this document, feel free to call **919-467-7777** or **919-805-0182**, or email us at Info@WynnsFamilyPsychology.com. We're always happy to help!



As a practice specializing in children, Wynns Family Psychology has a great deal of experience with providing Early Entry to Kindergarten Testing. Our package includes WPPSI IQ Testing and WJ-IV Achievement Testing (which are gold-standard, state-wide accepted tests), a parent interview, report, and a feedback session where we go over results and recommendations. The IQ test evaluates innate cognitive abilities (verbal skills, nonverbal skills, processing speed, etc.) while the Achievement test assesses reading and math skills. Each test takes roughly one hour to administer so we typically schedule a two hour block of time. We usually get through both tests during that time, with a short break in between, where we conduct a brief parent interview and your child can play for a few minutes or have a snack you bring. Unlike traditional school testing, our Kindergarten Evaluations are very engaging, with one of our expert doctors interacting one-on-one with your child for the duration of the assessment. (Most kids have so much fun they ask their parents when they can come back!) The cost is \$695,* half of which is due upon scheduling to reserve your appointment (non-refundable), with the remaining balance due the day of testing. According to Wake, Orange, and Durham County schools, testing has to be scheduled after April 16th. It's our opinion if you believe your child is ready to go to kindergarten, it's definitely worth it to try the testing because it's so important to start your child in school when he or she is ready and enthusiastic.

*Note: Many insurance plans, whether in-network or out-of network, have restrictions on educational testing. You may want to review our Insurance Benefits "Cheat Sheet" and call your insurance provider to discuss your plan's specific benefits.



Here are some helpful links about Early Kindergarten Entry and Testing:

- General information from our website:
<http://www.wynnsfamilypsychology.com/EarlyEntryKindergartenTestingNC/tabid/1166/language/en-US/Default.aspx>
- We also suggest checking out our Early Entry to Kindergarten Testing blog post, to learn more about the signs that your child is ready for kindergarten:
<http://kristenwynns.wordpress.com/2009/03/18/to-test-or-not-to-test%E2%80%A6should-i-test-my-child-for-early-entry-to-kindergarten/>
- Our Carolina Parent article about “Redshirting” vs. Enrolling Your Child in Kindergarten:
<http://www.carolinaparent.com/Kindergarten-Readiness-Redshirt-or-Enroll/>
- Here’s another post on Early Kindergarten Testing:
<http://kristenwynns.wordpress.com/2011/01/26/early-entry-to-kindergarten-the-good-the-bad-the-ugly/>
- A Carolina Parent article about the Advantages, Disadvantages, and Basic Facts of Early Entry to Kindergarten Testing:
<http://www.carolinaparent.com/CP/Pros-and-Cons-of-Early-Kindergarten-Entry/>

If you want to prepare your child for testing, we would suggest:

- Reading as much as possible to your little one
- Working on sounding out words and memorizing sight words in a fun way (i.e. with refrigerator magnets, sticky foam bath letters, on a chalkboard, etc.)
- Discussing applied math concepts with every day objects like blocks, pictures, fruit (i.e. “Here’s two blocks. If I give you two more, how many will you have?”)
- Doing preschool / kindergarten workbooks
- Asking lots of questions as you go about your day to enhance verbal skills
- Having your child play with blocks and puzzles



Great websites for reading and practicing math questions:

- Starfall.com
- StudyDog.com
- BookAdventure.com
- abcMouse.com
- IXL.com
- Kidport.com

Helpful Reading Apps for Apple iPad, iPhone, & Google Play Android Platforms:

- Endless Alphabet
- AlphaTots Alphabet
- Hideout: Early Reading

Kindergarten Evaluation Testimonials

"I just want to thank you so much for your personal and approachable nature. I was very impressed with your knowledge-base and implementation concerning early entry. I am pleased to report that K is doing very well in Kindergarten!"

"We just want to thank you so much for your encouragement! J is THRIVING in kindergarten and is happy to get on that bus every single day! His first report card was almost all 4's and O's (outstanding), and he received the 'Outstanding Eagle' award (similar to Student of the Month)!!! And he's not even five until next week! We are so happy for him! A million heartfelt thank you's!!! I really struggled with this decision and it has been a blessing, we will be forever grateful!!"

"(Child) did make it into kindergarten and is currently reading on a level 18 (First Grade Fourth Quarter). The AIG teacher loves him and pulls a group once a week for nurturing. And, he is taller than a lot of the six year olds in his class. Thank you for all that you have done to make his kindergarten year successful."