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Bright Horizons® School Readiness Survey

At **Bright Horizons®**, school readiness goes beyond academics. We nurture social, emotional, self-help, thinking, and learning development to give children the knowledge and confidence they'll carry into school and life.

Year after year, parents of recent graduates and their elementary school teachers say our alumni are ready for the big step to kindergarten. Here's what we found in our 2026 survey.



of parents and elementary school teachers say Bright Horizons helps children develop a strong enthusiasm for learning

Bright Horizons parents and elementary school teachers agree that these are the **top skills for school readiness**:

- ✓ Social
- ✓ Emotional
- ✓ Self-help

Plus, they say that Bright Horizons:

- Helps children develop the social-emotional skills needed to collaborate with peers and form new friendships
- Nurtures the confidence that prepares children for new responsibilities and greater independence

"I cannot give Bright Horizons enough credit for my daughter's social, emotional, and educational development. She is bright, engaged, and conscientious and Bright Horizons gave her the framework to thrive."

— Bright Horizons parent

We support each child's unique developmental milestones, foster growing independence, and encourage big ideas — sparking curiosity, creativity, and confidence and helping them build lasting skills for all that comes next.



of parents and elementary school teachers say Bright Horizons plays an important role in preparing children to succeed in school and life.



of parents and elementary school teachers say children develop important academic skills at Bright Horizons, laying the foundation for future school success.



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Social-emotional awareness is vital for building healthy relationships, understanding and managing emotions, and developing essential life skills like communication, empathy, and problem-solving. It lays the foundation for success both in and out of the classroom.

— Elementary school teacher



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Bright Horizons does a great job balancing learning with fun — they understand that at a young age, it's important for kids to learn, but it's just as important to let kids be kids. Their approach keeps children engaged and happy while building the skills they need for school.

— Bright Horizons parent