

Community Action of Southeast Iowa
Head Start

Head Start to Kindergarten
Transition Checklist

Date/Initial

- _____ Pamphlet called, “Getting School Ready in Iowa” is given to parents on first home visit at the beginning of the year.
- _____ Teachers read “Kindergarten Transition” books to the children throughout the year. Each classroom should have at least three different books.
- _____ “Kindergarten Transition” books available to children in the classroom throughout the year.
- _____ Children eat cafeteria style utilizing lunch trays (3-5 times) during the months of April and May.
- _____ Children have opportunity to use individual milk cartons at meal time (3 – 5 times) during the months of April and May. Notify cooks of amount needed and when to order.
- _____ Teachers display and discuss pictures of Elementary Schools in their community at the Head Start Center. Include/discuss pictures and names of the children going to their “future” school.
- _____ Children view “Kindergarten Here I Come” DVD. View as a classroom or with multiple classrooms.
- _____ Kindergarten transition field trip(s) to Elementary School(s) are scheduled for April or May.
- _____ Summer Activity calendars are distributed to families during second home visit with Head Start teacher
- _____ FDS distributes Kindergarten transition booklet during second home visit.

***Attach to Kindergarten Transition Timeline and send in at the end of the year.**