

Developmental Checklist for Young Children

From the Wyoming Department of Education's Child Identification Program

This checklist shows the normal signs of growth in a young child. Many children develop faster than the checklist indicates. Those who develop slower may need special services to improve or overcome their difficulties. If you think your child may have special needs, contact your local school district or the Wyoming Department of Education.

1 Month

- Able to raise head from surface when laying on tummy
- Briefly watches and follows object with eyes
- Moves arms and legs in an energetic manner
- Likes to be held and rocked

3 Months

- Eyes follow a moving object
- Able to hold head erect
- Grasps objects when placed in his/her hand
- Babbles

6 Months

- Turns over from back to stomach
- Turns toward sounds
- Sits with minimal support
- Persistently reaches for objects out of his/her reach
- Listens to own voice
- Reaches for and grasps objects and brings them to mouth
- Holds, sucks, bites cookie or cracker

9 Months

- Says Ma-ma or Da-da
- Responds to name
- Can stand for a short time holding onto support
- Able to hit two objects together on his/her own
- Copies sounds

12 Months

- Waves bye-bye
- Walks with one hand held
- Says 2 or 3 words besides Ma-ma or Da-da
- Enjoys some solid foods
- Finger feeds self
- Stacks two blocks
- Gives affection

18 Months

- Walks - may run a bit
- Climbs up or down one stair
- Can say 5-10 words
- Tries to put shoes on
- Drinks from cup held in both hands
- Likes pull toys
- Likes being read to

2 Years

- Able to run
- Walks up/down stairs using alternate feet
- Says at least 50 words
- Sometimes uses two word sentences
- Points to objects in a book
- Kicks large ball

3 Years

- Walks up stairs
- Stands momentarily on one foot
- Rides tricycle
- Feeds self
- Opens door
- Verbalizes toilet needs
- Dresses self except for buttoning
- Knows most parts of the body
- Jumps lifting both feet off ground

4 Years

- Can repeat a simple six word sentence
- Can wash hands and face without help
- Can copy a cross
- Can stand on one foot
- Can catch a tossed ball
- Points to six common colors

5 Years

- Can follow three commands
- Can copy a square
- Can skip
- Runs on tip toe
- Recognizes own printed name
- Plays with others
- Laces shoes