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Kindergarten Readiness



Summit Education Initiative organizes collective efforts at critical transition points for greater impact.

Why it matters

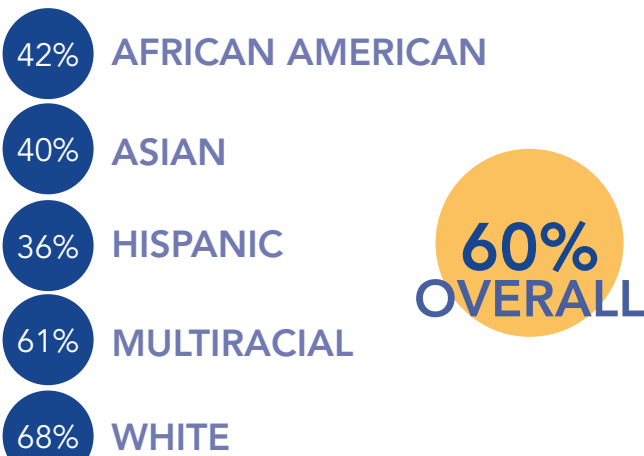
All children deserve a strong start to school. Students who begin kindergarten ready for success are more than twice as likely to read on grade level in the coming years, and they are unlikely to need extra support or intervention in school.

For every dollar invested early childhood education, a community prevents \$14 spent on otherwise unnecessary costs.

Summit Education Initiative (SEI) is working to increase kindergarten readiness and school success at this first critical transition point.

How we stand

The following percentages represent the number of students in Summit County who scored on track in Language & Literacy on Ohio's 2017 Kindergarten Readiness Assessment:



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Our goal

Our goal for Kindergarten Readiness is for 80 percent of kindergarten students in Summit County to be on track for success in school upon their first day of kindergarten. We will be successful when our community fully embraces and understands the value of high-quality early learning experiences. When this happens, we envision no differences among students' achievements between varying incomes or races. When families feel supported and have access to resources they need to help their children succeed, we will reach our goal.

What we are doing

SEI facilitates the Early Care and Education Team of the Summit County First Things First Initiative, which is working on the following:

- increasing family and community engagement with early childhood experiences
- increasing the number of high-quality, 3- to 5-star rated preschool programs
- facilitating strong, frequent communication between preschools and kindergartens
- spreading awareness about the importance of early kindergarten enrollment
- developing professional development for early childhood educators