

All children will be observed and assessed within 45 days of attending Elbow Lane School. Teachers are required to have written documentation. Information may be shared with families at this time.

Ages and Stages Questionnaire

At the beginning of each school year, and possibly throughout the year, families are asked to complete an Ages and Stages Questionnaire Social-Emotional (ASQ-SE) and an Ages and Stages Developmental Assessment (ASQ) as parents have given consent by signing the agreement.

The first five years of life are very important to a child because this time sets the stage for success in school and later in life. During infancy and early childhood, many experiences are gained, and many skills learned. It is important to ensure that each child's development is proceeding without problem during this period; therefore, we are interested in helping the families follow their child's growth and development as well as following their social and emotional development. ASQ is the best developmental and social-emotional screening for children from 1 month to 5 ½ years of age. Highly reliable and valid, ASQ looks at strengths and trouble spots, educates parents about developmental milestones, and incorporates parent's expert knowledge about their children. The sooner a delay or disability is discovered, the sooner children can connect with services and supports that make a real difference.

ASQ & ASQ-SE General Administration

1. The ASQ and ASQ-SE must be completed by the child's parent or guardian; it is recommended that it be completed and turned in at enrollment. It needs to be returned to Elbow Lane by the child's 35th day of attendance.
2. It will be scored and entered into the child's files no later than their 40th day of attendance.
3. If for any reason the family cannot or does not complete the ASQ or ASQ-SE by the child's 35th day of attendance, the teacher will complete it, as long as the teacher has seen the child in the classroom for a total of 15-20 hours within one week.
4. For new enrollments throughout the year, the teacher and director will decide who will be responsible for getting the parent form completed.
5. Complete ASQ and ASQ-SE information is used to determine if there are any concerns for the child.
6. A copy of the completed ASQ and ASQ-SE questionnaires are kept in the child's file.