

Ages and Stages Questionnaire – ASQ & ASQ:SE

The Clifton School utilizes the Ages and Stages (ASQ) and ASQ Social Emotional (SE) tool for developmental screening and referral for diagnostic assessment when indicated. Children are screened within the first 45 days of enrolling in our program and/or transitioning into a newly assigned classroom. Screenings are done in collaboration with families and results are shared with families during designated conference times and as needed throughout the school year.

What is ASQ? Professionals rely on ASQ for the best developmental and socialemotional screening for children from one month to 5 ½ years. Highly reliable and valid, ASQ looks at strengths and trouble spots, educates parents about developmental milestones, and incorporates parents' expert knowledge about their children.

What is the Ages and Stages SE

The Ages & Stages Questionnaires-Social Emotional (ASQ: SE) were developed to monitor a child's development in the behavioral areas of self-regulation, compliance, communication, adaptive, autonomy, affect and interaction with people. ASQ: SE questionnaire intervals correspond with the ASQ system, screening children from 3 months to 5 and 1/2 years of age. Questionnaire intervals are as follows: 6, 12, 18, 24, 30, 36, 48 and 60 months.

Screening Defined

"Screening" is a quickly administered assessment used to identify children who may benefit from more in-depth assessment. "Diagnostic assessment" is a method used by a trained professional, such as a physician or therapist, for determining the cause of a condition such as a medical issue or developmental delay.

The Clifton School screens children to meet the following goals:

- Identifying children's interests and needs
- Describing the developmental progress and learning of children
- Improving curriculum and adapting teaching practices and the environment
- Planning program improvement
- Communicating with families