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## Learning, making friends, having meaningful experiences, and developing communications and social skills.

Self-expression and being a part of the community. Getting assessments of your child's needs and learning to advocate for your child based on those needs. Setting goals and partnering with schools and providers to make them work.

Now that your child is school age, he or she will likely spend a lot of time with people other than their parents or family. During this life stage, your child is growing and changing rapidly, and they need many opportunities to have life experiences that will help them learn and excel at home, at school, and in the community, as they move toward becoming a young adult.

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