

HIGH FIVE FOR QUALITY GROWTH CHART INSTRUCTIONS



How to Use the Growth Chart in Your Classroom

Early childhood education teachers are the unsung heroes of our state, and no one knows this more than all of us at Step Up to Quality!

We know it's exhausting work, and you don't always see immediate gratification for all your efforts.

But the long-term effects of a quality early childhood education are undeniably worth it. And this growth chart will be the proof!

We suggest using this growth chart in classrooms — have each child make their mark at the beginning of the year, and then at the end of the year. Or have them make their mark on their birthday. If your facility is small enough, you could have this growth chart mark their development the entire time each child is attending your program!

To set up, simply unroll and hang your chart 11" from the ground and you are ready to start measuring. For younger children, you may use their documented measurements to mark their height on the chart.

We are sending similar growth charts for you to distribute to parents, too. We are encouraging them to use the growth chart to mark their handprints in white paint, which you could also do. On the next page you'll find a letter you can send with the growth chart to parents — with special instructions on how to use it.

We'd love to see your growth charts on social media – tag Step Up to Quality and/or use the hashtags **#StepUpToQualityNE** and **#HighFiveforQuality**.

Be creative, and take a moment to reflect on what an incredible difference you're making at the most crucial learning time of a person's life. It's awe-inspiring. Thank you for all you're doing for Nebraska's children.

