

# DO HEAD START'S MIXED-AGE CLASSES STUNT LEARNING?

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It's common practice in Head Start classrooms to teach 3- and 4-year-old children together, but a new study finds older children make significantly smaller academic gains on average when taught with younger preschoolers.

In the classrooms where the two age groups were evenly split, 4-year-olds in the study were an average of nearly five months of academic development behind their 4-year-old peers who were in classrooms without 3-year-olds.

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