

**More information for teachers and their administrators:**

**Items**

The new Kindergarten Readiness Assessment consists of three different ways to help you, the teacher, understand what each child in your class knows and is able to do.

Descriptions:

- 1) A **selected response** item is a single question with three options. The child chooses the correct response. There is only one correct response. There may be several items that are related. For example, you may read a short story and then ask the child a few questions about the story. Each question has a separate set of response options and is scored individually. Together, the questions form an item cluster.
- 2) A **performance task** means a child will complete an activity, such as sorting a set of objects in a specific way. You rate the child’s ability to complete the task. A child does receive partial credit if he or she completes some, but not all of the activity, correctly.
- 3) **Observational items** means that you will use a rubric to rate a student on a particular skill or knowledge based on his or her performance during everyday classroom activities. For each item, there is rubric that describes specific behaviors representing different levels of the same skill. You score observation items on the skill or knowledge level each child demonstrates. You can score a group of children on one or more observational items as part of typical, daily classroom routines and activities.

**Kindergarten Readiness Assessment Blueprint showing the number of items in each component.**

<b>Component</b>	<b>Selected Response</b>	<b>Performance Task</b>	<b>Observational Rubric</b>
Social Foundations	0	0	16
Mathematics	5	10	0
Science	2	0	1
Social Studies	0	0	2
Language and Literacy	7	9	3
Physical Well-Being and Motor Development	0	0	7
<b>Total items</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>29</b>

## **Technology**

There are two technology components to the Kindergarten Readiness Assessment for you.

### **Component for teachers and other administrators**

Teachers will use the new Online Reporting System to access the assessment items, record student responses and manage assessment results. You and other district administrators will also be able to access student, class, building and district level data through the Online Reporting System.

The Electronic Learning Community houses online professional development for kindergarten teachers. Teachers can use the Electronic Learning Community to access online training modules, to communicate with training staff, to share resources and ideas around assessment and instruction with other kindergarten teachers from across the state. This will be live in April.

You must have an internet-connected device to complete online training, access the assessment items and enter score information.

### **Component for students**

Kindergarten students will not be required to complete any assessment activities using technology in 2014-15.

If the school chooses to use technology, children will get and complete virtual assessment items through a separate system from the one you, as a teacher, use. This system transfers the responses to the Online Reporting System. You will get the child's score information through the Online Reporting System.

## **Training**

If you expect to return to your kindergarten position in the 2014-15 school year, you can complete the new kindergarten readiness assessment training between April 1 and June 30.

Teachers will have three options for training – classroom, online and a hybrid of classroom and online. The exact length of the training will vary from about six to 10 hours based on the experience level of the teacher and the training option you select. The training consists of several modules, each ranging in length from about one to three hours. The modules will cover topics such as

- the purpose of the assessment
- the structure of the assessment
- preparing for administration
- using assessment technologies
- scoring items
- test security
- administration for students with disabilities

- administration for English Language Learners
- reporting assessment results
- communicating with families about the assessment
- using assessment results

A schedule of teacher trainings is available through [State Support Teams](#). You should check with your building administrators prior to registering for trainings through STARS.

Trainings for new kindergarten teachers will be from July 1 to September 1.

For 2014, the trainings are only open to public and community school teachers.