

Kindergarten Field Test 2016

Information for Schools/Districts

WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THE KINDERGARTEN FIELD TEST?

The goal of the Kindergarten Field Test is to collect a broad sample of student data to inform item selection for an operational test form. In other words, the Kindergarten Field Test is an examination of whether the items are working as intended based on student responses. The results from the field test will not be used to evaluate student and/or teacher performance. Rather, this opportunity will help the state department and their partners to evaluate the performance of the items and the general implementation of the assessment.

WHEN WILL THE KINDERGARTEN FIELD TEST TAKE PLACE?

The administration window will take place within the same time frames as the existing KRA window.

WHAT WILL TEACHERS AND STUDENTS BE ASKED TO DO?

Teachers will administer a set of 15 Kindergarten Field Test items to the students in his or her classroom. The Kindergarten Field Test items comprise a combination of direct and observational assessment, and align to the essential domains of school readiness. The assessment is designed to be administered within the regular classroom schedule and within window of time at the beginning of the school year. All of the items will be administered during the regular school day; teachers will decide exactly when to administer specific items. The items are designed to assess each student's essential skills and behaviors upon entry to kindergarten.

WILL ANYONE ELSE FROM THE SCHOOL BE ASKED TO DO ANYTHING?

No, teachers who volunteer to participate will administer the items and enter the data in the data collection system.

ARE THERE ANY RISKS OR BENEFITS TO PARTICIPATING IN THE KINDERGARTEN FIELD TEST?

There are no anticipated risks to participating.

DOES IT COST ANYTHING? IS THERE ANY COMPENSATION?

No, there is no cost nor any compensation to participate in the Kindergarten Field Test.

HOW WILL DATA BE COLLECTED AND USED?

The Kindergarten Field Test data will be collected via a password-protected, web-based administration system. Teachers will enter individual item scores for each student. Prior to the administration, data managers will be required to upload teacher and student enrollment information.

HOW DOES YOUR SCHOOL PARTICIPATE IN THE KINDERGARTEN FIELD TEST?

If you would like to participate in the Kindergarten Field Test please complete this [Kindergarten Field Test Teacher Recruitment Form](#) to volunteer and participate in the Field Test. If you have any questions about the Kindergarten Field Test, please contact *Elizabeth Sailer* by phone at (614) 387-2205 or by email at Elizabeth.Sailer@education.ohio.gov. Further details will be provided to those teachers who sign up to participate. On behalf of the staff of the Ohio Department of Education, JHU CTE, and WestEd, we thank you for your time and consideration.