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STATE APPROACHES TO SCHOOL READINESS

2014 Update

This is an update to NCSL's 2010 *Technical Report: State Approaches to School Readiness Assessment.*

Since 2010, at least 14 states have passed new legislation to establish or amend school readiness assessments of young children. Currently, at least 34 states and the District of Columbia have some form of school readiness assessment statute or regulation. Typically, states assess children at the beginning of the kindergarten year through use of a state-approved assessment.

Below is a brief summary that includes recent school readiness assessment legislative updates since 2010. Also included are an updated chart of state kindergarten readiness assessment actions (Appendix A) and an additional chart that provides a list of states with school readiness assessment statute and regulation language.

Why are School Readiness Assessments Important?

From the NCSL's 2010 Technical Report: State Approaches to School Readiness Assessment:

"Academic achievement is a cornerstone of independence, productivity and active citizenship. Children who enter kindergarten ready to meet its academic, social and emotional demands are more likely to achieve later academic and life success. Likewise, children who enter school behind their peers in these areas tend to remain academically behind and at risk for harmful behavior in adulthood (e.g., dropping out of school, criminal behavior, unemployment). Evidence suggests that more than half the achievement gap found in later school years already is present at kindergarten entry.

A child's readiness to learn in a formal school is generally attributed to five domains: [1]

- Physical well-being (e.g., health, motor development);
- Social and emotional development (e.g. social skills, emotion regulation);
- Approaches to learning (e.g., ability and inclination to use skills);
- Language development (e.g., verbal language, emerging literacy skills); and
- Cognition and general knowledge.

If readiness in these domains is critical to academic success and productive adulthood, the public has a stake in understanding whether children are ready to fully engage in formal learning. Assessment of children at kindergarten is one approach to understanding school readiness.



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States may choose to assess kindergarten readiness for a number of purposes including to:

- track gains in the state's kindergarten population;
- compare readiness across school districts or school;
- connect readiness data forward to later school performance or backwards to understand the impact of early childhood investments.

Others also have a stake in information gained from the assessment of children in kindergarten. Parents may want to better understand a child's capabilities in order to provide additional support at home. Teachers may use readiness information to alter curriculum or individualize instruction. And schools may use the information to track the impact of curricular or training decisions and allocate resources."

School Readiness Assessments in 2014

School readiness assessments are part of a host of other assessment and measurement tools that are being used across the education continuum. For more information about K-12 assessments, please visit NCSL's Education Program resources.

States for the most part assess children at the beginning of the kindergarten year through use of a common assessment. But some states are employing different approaches with school readiness kindergarten assessments. Some states are assessing children before kindergarten as part of their K-3 assessment approach while other states are looking to build a more comprehensive standards-based assessment system that includes children in preschool settings.

Recent federal initiatives have bolstered funding for state early childhood assessment initiatives. The federal Race to the Top Early Learning Challenge (RTT-ELC) allowed nine states (California, Illinois, Massachusetts, Maryland, Minnesota, North Carolina, Ohio, Rhode Island and Washington) to put sizeable funding from their RTT-ELC grant into kindergarten entry assessment development and implementation and additional states have been phased in (Michigan, Pennsylvania, Kentucky, New Jersey and Vermont). Other states also received funding through the federal Enhanced Assessment Grants program to develop comprehensive K-3rd grade assessment systems. More information can be found on the <u>U.S. Department of Education website</u>.



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As states move forward on implementing school readiness assessments, some key issues include:

- Selecting a valid, reliable assessment tool;
- Providing training to teachers in how to administer the assessment and report data;
 and
- Guidance on appropriate and inappropriate reporting and use, and
- Paying attention to not overloading teachers with too many separate assessment mandates and initiatives.

Highlights of Recent Legislation

Kindergarten Entry, K-3 and Other Assessment, Comprehensive, Developmental Domains/Inventory and Preschool Assessment Legislative Updates

- Arizona: Arizona enacted legislation requiring each school district or charter school that
 provides kindergarten and grades one through three to select and administer screening,
 ongoing diagnostic and classroom based instructional reading assessments, including a
 motivational assessment, to monitor student progress. Arizona also established a task
 force on K-3 accountability and assessments within the Department of Education in 2013
 to evaluate best practices and measures of academic gains for schools that provide
 instruction in kindergarten programs and grades one through three.
- **Delaware:** In 2012, the General Assembly enacted legislation requiring the state to implement a common statewide readiness tool that reviews a child's readiness for learning when they enter kindergarten. The readiness tool is required to look at the five domains. The law allows for implementation of readiness reviews to be phased in with statewide implementation on later than fall 2015.
- Iowa: In 2012, the General Assembly established the Iowa Reading Research Center to implement a statewide reading proficiency program for kindergarten to third grade students. The law also established a joint planning group between the Department of Education and the Early Childhood Iowa State Board to study and select a multi-domain universal early childhood assessment to be administered to incoming kindergartners and data entered into the state longitudinal data system. The assessment is aligned with state early learning standards and preschool programs administer the assessment at the beginning and end of school year to all preschool children in school district programs.



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- **Kentucky**: In 2012, Kentucky law directed the Department of Education to adopt a statewide common kindergarten entry screener assessment that aligns with state school readiness standards; assesses adaptive, cognitive, communication, motor, and social emotional skills, is available for English language learners and students with cognitive disabilities and produces student-level results.
- Louisiana: The Legislature passed legislation in 2011 to require that all districts move toward a single kindergarten assessment and developmental skills checklist. The checklist is aligned with 12 of the prekindergarten standards which are aligned with state Common Core standards. In 2012, the legislature established a definition of kindergarten readiness as part of creating a prekindergarten accountability system for all programs using child assessment and program quality measures.
- **Mississippi**: In 2014, Mississippi enacted legislation authorizing the Mississippi Department of Education to establish and implement a statewide, mandatory kindergarten readiness assessment to be administered prior to students' entry to kindergarten or within 30 days of enrollment. Assessment results are required to be reported to the state Superintendent of Education.
- **New Mexico**: In 2014, New Mexico enacted legislation requiring all kindergarten students to take the kindergarten entry assessment provided by the Department of Education, as well as at least three department approved screening assessments during the year.
- **Nevada**: In 2013, the Legislature appropriated \$1.5 million for a pilot kindergarten readiness assessment.
- **Ohio**: In 2012, Ohio enacted legislation that required each kindergarten student to take a kindergarten readiness assessment provided by the Department of Education.
- **Oklahoma**: In 2012, Oklahoma enacted legislation requiring each school district to establish a Reading Enhancement and Acceleration Development (READ) Initiative to ensure grade level reading proficiency, which includes administering reading assessments to measure phonemic awareness, phonics, fluency, vocabulary, and comprehension.
- Oregon: In 2013, the Legislative Assembly created the Early Learning Kindergarten Readiness Partnership and Innovation program. The Early Learning Council administers the program. The law directs the Early Learning Council and the department of education to assist school districts to implement kindergarten readiness assessments.
- **South Carolina**: In 2014, the General Assembly passed legislation as part of their First Steps to School Readiness Initiative that requires the state to recommend a school



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readiness assessment for kindergarten and prekindergarten entry by 2015. The research-based, developmentally appropriate and reliable assessment is required to be conducted at the beginning of school entry to evaluate early language and literacy development, numeracy skills, physical well-being, social and emotional development, and approaches to learning and be aligned with first and second grade English language and math standards. The South Carolina State Board of Education is required to support the implementation of the assessment, provide professional development to teachers and parents as related to the assessment and use aggregate assessment information to establish early childhood standards and practices.

- Texas: In 2013, Texas enacted legislation requiring each school district to administer a reading assessment in grades K-2. The assessment must be chosen from a list compiled by the Commissioner of Education of reading instruments that diagnose student reading development and comprehension. At least two of the instruments on the commissioner's list should be multidimensional assessment tools, meaning a reading instrument and test at least three developmental skills, including literacy, or test at least two developmental skills, other than literacy, and be administered in conjunction with a separate reading instrument.
- Washington: In 2011, the Legislature appropriated state funds, in conjunction with private funding, to implement three components of the kindergarten assessment process family connections, early learning collaboration (where early childhood teachers and kindergarten teachers meet) and whole child inventory with three piloted tools—Teaching Strategies Gold, work sampling system and developmental skills checklist. In 2012, the use of the Washington Kindergarten Inventory of Developing Skills (WAKIDS) was mandatory in state-funded full-day kindergartens.

Conclusion

As legislators continue to invest in early childhood education programs, they are increasingly aware of research on the importance of early learning and the connection to children's long-term success in school. Therefore, there is a strong interest in understanding the extent to which young children are on track for success and are ready to learn when they enter kindergarten.

Other Resources

<u>Discussion Guide to Responding to Focused Investment Area (E) (1) and Competitive Priority 3: Kindergarten Entry Assessment, Early Learning Challenge Collaborative</u>



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Fast Fact: Information and Resources on Developing State Policy on Kindergarten Entry Assessment (KEA), Center on Enhancing Early Learning Outcomes (CEELO)

Formative Assessment: Guidance for Early Childhood Policy Makers, CEELO Policy Report

Race to the Top -- Early Learning Challenge (RTT-ELC) Awards

- Phase 1
- Phase 2
- Phase 3

State Policy Snapshot: State Early Childhood Assessment Policies, CEELO

Foundation for Excellence in Education: <u>Interactive State Map</u>

[1] S. L. Kagan, "Readiness past, present, and future: Shaping the agenda," Young Children 48 (1992): 48-53.



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Appendix A: State School Readiness Assessment –2014 Update

State ¹	Statute or	Students	Domains	Assessment	Data Use ³	Reported to	State Reports	Disaggregated
	Regulation ²	Assessed	Assessed	Instrument		State		by
Alabama		All	Reading	Dynamic	To plan			
				Indicators of	instruction			
				Basic Early				
				Literacy Skills				
				(DIBELS)				
<u>Alaska</u>	Alaska Stat.	All	7 domains:	Revised Alaska	Inform state	Individual	Average	State and
	<u>14.07.020</u>		Physical	Developmental	policy decisions	student results	score on each	District
			WellBeing,	Profile (RADP)			subdomain	
			Health and Motor					
			Development,					
			Social and					
			Emotional					
			Development,					
			Approaches to					
			Learning,					
			Cognition and					
			General					
			Knowledge,					
			Communication,					
			and Language					
			and Literacy					
Arizona*	Ariz. Rev.	All	Physical and	Kindergarten	Inform teachers			
	Stat. 15-704		motor	Development	who can plan			
In			development,	Inventory (KDI)	individualized			
development	Ariz. Rev.		social and		educational			
since 2013	Stat. § 15-		emotional		experiences,			
	<u>248.01</u>		development,		identify			



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State ¹	Statute or Regulation ²	Students Assessed	Domains Assessed	Assessment Instrument	Data Use ³	Reported to State	State Reports	Disaggregated by
Arizona* (continued)			approaches to learning, language development and cognitive development.		strengths and weaknesses, teacher professional development.			
Arkansas	Ark. Stat. Ann. § 6-16- 203 Ark. Stat. Ann. § 6-15- 404	All	6 domains: General Knowledge, Oral Communication, Written Language, Math Concepts, Work Habits, and Attentive Behavior	Qualls Early Learning Inventory (QELI), Kindergarten Readiness Indicator Checklist (KRIC)	Local reporting, including to parents, in order to target instruction at the appropriate developmental level	Individual student results		
California	Cal. Ed. Code § 60642.6		English Language Development, Self & Social Development, Self-regulation, Language and Literacy Development, and Mathematical Development	Desired Results Developmental Profile-School Readiness© (DRDP-SR)	Measurement of development and professional development resource for teachers.			
Colorado	Colo. Rev.	All	Literacy,	Teaching	To plan	Individual	Percent of	State



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	Regulation ²	Assessed	Assessed	Instrument		State		by
<u>Colorado</u>	Stat. § 22-7-		mathematics,	Strategies	instruction	student	students	
(continued)	<u>1014</u>		social studies,	GOLD		results on a	performing at	
			science, the arts,			subset of the	or above	
			comprehensive			assessment	grade level	
			health and					
			physical					
			education,					
			language					
			development, and					
			English language					
			proficiency.					
Connecticut	Conn. Gen.	All	6 domains:	Kindergarten	Included in	Individual	Draft report	State
	Stat. §10-14n		Language,	Entry	state's Results	student results	includes	
			Literacy,	Inventory	Based		percent of	
	Connecticut		Numeracy,		Accountability		students with	
	Early		Physical/ Motor,	**indicates they	(RBA)		emerging,	
	Learning		Creative/	are looking at a	framework		inconsistently	
	Challenge		Aesthetic, and	new assessment	and reported at		demonstrated,	
	(Race to the		Personal/ Social	system**	the district level		and	
	Top						consistently	
	Application)						demonstrated	
							skills in each	
-					T 0		domain	
<u>Delaware</u>	Del. Code tit.	All	Language and	Early Learning	Inform future			
	<u>14, § 151</u>		literacy	Survey (DE-	instruction and			
			development;	ELS) and	interventions,			
			cognition and	Teaching	provide data to			
			general	Strategies	inform policy			
			knowledge;	GOLD® tool	and to plan future			
			approaches		policy.			



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Dalamana	Regulation ²	Assessed	Assessed towards learning;	Instrument		State		by
Delaware (continued)			physical well-					
(continued)			being and motor					
			development; and					
			social and					
			emotional					
			development					
District of	D.C. Stat. §			Teaching				
<u>Columbia</u>	<u>38-755-03</u>			Strategies				
				GOLD©				
				Kindergarten-				
				Entry				
				Assessment				
				(KEA) 2013-				
Florida	Fla. Stat.	All	7 domains:	2014 Pilot Florida	To determine	Individual	Percent of	State and
Florida	1002.69	All			statewide	student results		District
	1002.09		Language and Literacy,	Kindergarten Readiness	readiness rates	Student results	students ready for	District
			Mathematics,	Screener	and		kindergarten	
			Social and	(FLKRS),	prekindergarten		based on the	
			Personal Skills,	consisting of	program		ECHOS	
			Science, Social	ECHOS and	evaluation		portion and the	
			Studies,	portions of the			FAIR portion	
			Physical Health	Florida			(separately)	
			and Fitness, and	Assessment for			. 1	
			Creative Arts	Instruction in				
				Reading (FAIR)				
Georgia	Ga. R. &	All	6 domains:	Georgia	To plan	Individual		



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	Regulation ²	Assessed	Assessed	Instrument		State		by
Georgia (continued)	Regs. 160-3- 107 Ga. Code Ann. §20-14- 30 Ga. Code Ann. § 20- 14-60		English Language Arts, Math, Science, Social Studies, Personal/Social Development, and Approaches to Learning	Kindergarten Inventory of Developing Skills (GKIDS)	instruction and help determine first grade readiness	student results in the English Language Arts, Mathematics, Approaches to Learning, and Personal/Social Development domains		
Hawaii	Hawaii Rev. Stat. § 302A- 411 2014 HB 2768	HSSRA is voluntary with 100% participation, while individual school readiness assessment is mandatory starting in 2010-2011	6 domains: Approaches to Learning, Literacy, Math, School Behaviors and Skills, Social- Emotional Behaviors, and Physical Wellbeing	Hawaii State School Readiness Assessment (HSSRA), plus a separate individual school readiness assessment beginning in 2010-2011	HSSRA is used locally for school improvement plans, school transition plans, and planning instruction, and to track results statewide, while the individual readiness assessment is used to determine grade placement and advancement.	Class level results on the HSSRA	Percent of classes consistently displaying skills in each (and all) domains, and each school's average score on each domain and each criteria within each domain	State, Complex Area and School
<u>Idaho</u> *	Idaho Code § 33-1614	All	Reading	Idaho Reading Indicator (IRI)	To guide individual interventions and	Individual student results	Percent of students performing at	State, District and School; Race/



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State ¹	Statute or Regulation ²	Students Assessed	Domains Assessed	Assessment Instrument	Data Use ³	Reported to State	State Reports	Disaggregated by
Idaho* (continued)					as part of the state accountability system		the "intensive," "strategic," and "benchmark" levels (where "benchmark" used to be reported as "at grade level")	Ethnicity, Title 1 schools, Limited English Proficiency, and Special Education
Iowa	Iowa Code § 279.60	All	Social and Emotional, Language and early literacy, mathematics, physical well- being and motor development	Districts select from: DIBELS; Phonological Awareness Test (PAT); Basic Reading Inventory; Early Literacy Assessments; Observational Survey; Texas Primary Reading Inventory (TPRI); or YoppSinger Test of Phoneme Segmentation	To inform state policy decisions and as a "mild accountability measure"	Individual student results	Percent of children scoring proficient on DIBELS and subsets of the PAT; no results for other assessments	State
Kansas*	Kan. Stat. Ann. §72- 9921	All	Reading and Math	Determined locally	To determine a child's level of	Some school level data		



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Kansas*	Regulation	Assesseu	Assesseu	Histrument	performance	State		by
(continued)					and guide instruction			
Kentucky	704 Ky. Admin. Regs. 5:070		Approaches to learning, health and physical well-being, language and communication development, social and emotional development, and cognitive and general knowledge.	Kentucky's Common Kindergarten Entry Screener, the BRIGANCE Early Childhood Kindergarten Screen III	To inform teachers and parents of the needs of each child.			
Louisiana *2010 School Readiness Report	La. Rev. Stat. § 17:24.4 La. Rev. Stat. § 17:391.11	All	Literacy, mathematics, science, history and social science, physical well- being and motor development, and personal, social/emotional and creative development.	Districts may use one of: Brigance K-1, Chicago EARLY Assessment, Developing Skills Checklist (DSC), Developmental Indicators for the Assessment of Learning-Third	Local reporting, including to parents, for "placing children within a regular kindergarten classroom setting and planning their instructional programs to meet identified needs" 12	School level results	Number of students scoring between the 1st and 24th, 25th and 49th, and 50th and 99th percentiles on each domain in each district; not aggregated above district level	District



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	Regulation ²	Assessed	Assessed	Instrument		State	_	by
Louisiana				Edition (DIAL-				•
(continued)				3), DIAL-				
				Revised, Early				
				Screening				
				Inventory -				
				Revised, or				
				Screening				
				Test for				
				Education				
				Prerequisite				
				Skills (STEPS)				
Maine	Me. Rev.							
	Stat. Ann. tit.							
	<u>20-A, § 4501</u>							
Maryland	Code of Md.	All	7 domains:	Maryland	To guide	Individual	Percent of	State and
	Regs. §		Personal and	Model for	instruction and	student results	students	District; Race/
	<u>13a.08.01.02-</u>		Social	School	<u>for</u> <u>an annual</u>		developing	Ethnicity,
	<u>3</u>		Development,	Readiness	<u>School</u>		readiness,	Gender, Prior
			Language and	Kindergarten	Readiness		approaching	Care, Special
			Literacy,	Assessment, a	Report to the		readiness, and	Education,
			Mathematical	customized	<u>legislature</u>		fully ready in	English
			Thinking,	version of the			each domain	Language
			Scientific	Work Sampling			and composite	Learners,
			Thinking, Social	System (WSS)				Free and
			Studies, the Arts,					Reduced
			and Physical					Price Meals
			Development					
Massachusetts	Mass. Gen.		Social-emotional,	Massachusetts	To guide			
	Laws Ann.		physical,	Kindergarten	instruction,			
	tit. 15D, §3		language,	Entry	identify further			



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	Regulation ²	Assessed	Assessed	Instrument		State	_	by
Massachusetts			cognition,	Assessment	intervention			•
(continued)			literacy,	(MKEA)	needs and			
			mathematics,		screening.			
			science and	Teaching	-			
			technology, social	Strategies				
			studies, the arts,	GOLD				
			English language					
			acquisition.					
<u>Michigan</u>			Mathematics,	Kindergarten	To provide			
			literacy and	Entry	parents and			
			language,	Assessment	teachers with			
			approaches		information on			
			toward learning,	Teaching	where the			
			social and	Strategies	children are so			
			emotional	GOLD –	they can tailor			
			development,	observation	curriculum and			
			physical well-	based	after school			
			being and motor	assessment	learning			
			development.	system.	opportunities.			
					**Specifically			
					states that it is			
					not a			
					kindergarten			
					screener or			
					kindergarten			
					readiness			
					assessment.			
Minnesota	Minn. Stat. §	Voluntary,	5 domains:	WSS and parent	To track the	Individual	Percent of	State; Gender,
	124D.141	10% random	Physical	survey	proportion of	student results	students "not	Home



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Minnesota (continued)	Minn. Stat. § 124D.162	sample of kindergarten students which provides a sample size of about 6,000 kindergarteners each year.	Development, The Arts, Personal and Social Development, Mathematical Thinking, and Language and Literacy		students ready for kindergarten statewide and to make policy recommendations based on those results		yet," "in process," and "proficient" in each domain and criteria within each domain	Language, Race/ Ethnicity, Parent Education, Family Income, Geographical Region, and At Risk Status
New Mexico	N.M. Admin. Code § 6.30.5.12	All	Reading	DIBELS	"To determine placement at an instructional level and the effectiveness of" kindergarten programs	Individual student results		
North Carolina*	N.C. Gen. Stat. Ann. § 115C-83.5	All	Language and literacy, cognition and general knowledge, approaches to learning, physical well-being and motor development, social/emotional development.	Kindergarten Entry Assessment	To guide instruction and inform parents and school and district officials of student progress			
North Dakota	N.D. Cent.	All	5 Domains of	Kindergarten	To guide			



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	Regulation ²	Assessed	Assessed	Instrument		State	_	by
North Dakota	Code §15.1-		Learning:	Entry	instruction and			
(continued)	<u>21-23</u>		Physical well-	Assessment	give teachers			
			being & motor		and students a			
			development,		tool to meet or			
			social &		exceed			
			emotional		standards.			
			development,					
			approaches to					
			learning,					
			language &					
			literacy					
			development					
			and cognitive					
			development &					
			general					
			knowledge.					
<u>Ohio</u>	Ohio Rev.	All	Social Skills	Kindergarten	To provide	Individual	Percent of	State and
	Code Ann. §		(including social	Readiness	educators with	student results	students with	District;
	<u>3301.0715</u>		and emotional	Assessment	<u>an</u>		composite	Disability,
			development,		understanding of		scores in each	Gender,
	Starting in		approaches		students' entry		of three bands,	Gifted,
	2014-2015		toward learning),		points.		labeled	Homelessness,
	school year.		mathematics,				"intense,"	Limited
			science, social				"targeted," and	English
			studies, language				"enriched"	Proficiency,
			and literacy,					Longevity,
			physical well-					Migrant
			being and motor					Status,
			development.					Race, and
								Economic



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Ohio (continued)								Disadvantage
Oklahoma*	Okla. Stat. tit. 70, §1210.508C	All	Reading	Districts must use one of DIBELS, Berkeley Evaluation and Assessment Research (BEAR) Assessment, or Literacy First	To guide instruction and intervention	Number of students in a district identified as at risk		
Oregon	Or. Rev. Stat. § 336.101	Common statewide assessment => all children or voluntary?	Early literacy, early math, social-emotional development, approaches to learning and self-regulation.	Oregon Kindergarten Readiness Assessment	To provide parents, teachers and early childhood providers with information on what children know and the skills they have before entering school. Provide a statewide			



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	Regulation ²	Assessed	Assessed	Instrument		State		by
<u>Oregon</u>					perspective			
(continued)					to track			
					progress			
					over time.			
<u>Pennsylvania</u>	<u>Pennsylvania</u>		Social and	Pennsylvania	Provides a report			
	<u>Kindergarten</u>		emotional	Kindergarten	to parents, guide			
	Entry		development,	Entry Inventory	teacher			
	<u>Inventory</u>		language and		instruction and			
	<u>Pilot</u>		literacy,		inform policy.			
	In		mathematics,					
	Development		approaches to					
			learning, and					
			health wellness					
			and physical					
			development.					
Rhode Island	Kindergarten				To determine			
	Entry				entry status of			
	Assessment				children starting			
					kindergarten and			
	In				to guide			
	Development				instruction			
<u>Tennessee</u>	Tenn. R. &	All	Varies based on	Locally	To guide			
	Regs. 0520-		the assessment	determined;	instruction			
	<u>01-0305</u>		selected	must be				
				"comprehensive"				
	Tenn. Code							
	Ann § 49-1-							
	<u>614</u>				_			
<u>Texas</u> *	Tex. Ed.	All	Reading	Kindergarten	To evaluate	Individual		
	Code			Readiness	prekindergarten	student and		



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Texas* (continued)	<u>\$28.006</u>			System (KRS)	programs, Head Start and community based licensed child care programs.	aggregate district results on most of the approved assessments		·
<u>Utah</u>	<u>Utah Code</u> <u>Ann. § 53A-</u> <u>1-606.7</u>	Voluntary	Literacy and Numeracy					
Vermont	Early Education: Kindergarten Readiness	Voluntary; data received for 91% of students in 2013-2014 survey.	5 domains: Social and Emotional Development, Approaches to Learning, Communication, Cognitive Development and General Knowledge, and Physical Health and Development and wellness	Kindergarten Readiness Survey (KRS)	To track the portion of students ready for kindergarten and for regional and state-wide planning.	Results of anonymous teacher surveys	Percent of students "beginning," "practicing," and "performing independently" on each criteria (within a domain), and the percent of students ready in each domain.	State
Virginia*	Virginia Performs, School Readiness	Voluntary, with 99% use	Reading	Phonological Awareness Literacy Screening for Kindergarten	To "identify children in need of additional instruction and to provide early	Individual student results		



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17 1	Regulation ²	Assessed	Assessed	Instrument		State		by
Virginia*				(PALS-K)	intervention			
(continued)					services to those			
					students with			
					diagnosed			
					needs," and by			
					the governor's			
					office to track			
					kindergarten			
					readiness			
Washington	Wash. Rev.	Voluntary	Social-emotional,	Teaching	Provide			
	Code §		physical,	Strategies	kindergarten			
	28A.150.315		cognitive,	GOLD: teacher	teachers with			
			language, literacy	assessment tool.	information			
			and mathematics		about the 6			
					domains so they			
					may tailor their			
					instruction to the			
					individual needs			
					of each child.			
<u>West</u>	WV Pre-K		10 Key Items:	Early Learning	To look at			
<u>Virginia</u>	Child		Number and	Scale (ELS)	growth trends			
	Assessment		numerical		across the			
	<u>System</u>		operations,		developmental			
			classification and		domains			
	Office of		algebraic					
	<u>Early</u>		thinking,					
	Learning:		geometry and					
	School		measurement,					
	Readiness		scientific inquiry,					
			self-regulation,					



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West	Still in		play, oral					
<u>Virginia</u>	development		language,					
(continued)			phonological					
			awareness, print					
			awareness,					
			writing.					
Wyoming	Wyoming	All	9 domains:	Instructional	To identify "the	Individual	Percent of	State; Gender,
	<u>Early</u>		Representation,	Foundations for	status of young	student results	students	IEP Status,
	Learning		Language,	Kindergarten	students and to		receiving each	Race/
	Foundations		Writing,	(IFK)	establish a		score (1-5) on	Ethnicity
	for Children		Reading,		baseline and		each domain,	
	Ages 3-5		Geometry/		trends for data		with a 4 or 5	
			Algebra,		indicators on		considered	
			Number/		children entering		proficient	
			Operations,		kindergarten"			
			Scientific					
			Thinking, Self-					
			regulation, and					
			Social Problem					
			solving					

^{*} The kindergarten assessment is part of a broader K-2 (North Carolina, Texas) or K-3 (Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Kansas, Oklahoma, Virginia) assessment and intervention strategy.

¹ Hyperlink text is to the website where the state's most recent school readiness report is available.

² Hyperlink text is to the state's version of the statute or regulation. May be in PDF or RTF format.

³ Hyperlink text is to the source of information, if available online. Information without a hyperlink is derived from interviews with state department of education staff.