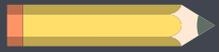


# Kindergarten Entry Assessments



## WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW



Kindergarten entry assessments (or KEAs for short) capture a child's development across multiple areas, or domains, that have been shown to predict long-term student success.

Video link: <https://ies.ed.gov/ncee/edlabs/regions/midwest/blogs/kindergarten-entry-assessments-video.aspx>

## What are some uses and benefits of kindergarten entry assessments?

**TEACHERS** can use KEAs for individual and groups of students to

- Tailor instruction.
- Identify and target learning gaps.
- Flag students for further testing.
- Track children's progress by re-administering the tool.
- Share information about children's development with families.

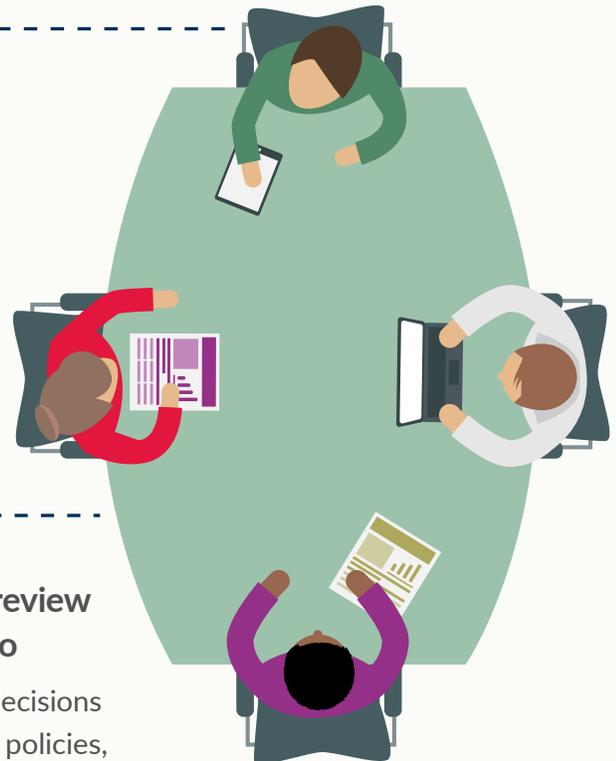


**PARENTS AND FAMILIES** can use KEAs to

- Better understand their child's development.
- Better support their child's development at home.

**ADMINISTRATORS** can use classroom-, school-, and district-level KEAs to

- Identify and plan needed supports.
- Guide early learning programs.
- Inform teacher professional development.
- Improve collaboration and alignment across grades.



**STATE LEADERS** can review KEA trends and data to

- Make well-informed decisions about state programs, policies, and resource allocations.





Visit the **Illinois State Board of Education website** to learn more about KIDS and related resources for teachers, administrators, and districts: <https://www.isbe.net/kids>



Visit **REL Midwest's website** to learn how we are partnering with state agencies in Illinois to improve early childhood education.



Visit these sites to learn how **states across the nation** are using KEAs:

- Center On Enhancing Early Learning Outcomes: <http://ceelo.org/ceelo-products/assessment/>
- Center on Standards & Assessment Implementation: <https://www.csai-online.org/sos>

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