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.


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](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 Standards & Assessment Implementation: [https://www.csai-online.org/sos](https://www.csai-online.org/sos)

This material was prepared under Contract ED-IES-17-C-0007 by Regional Educational Laboratory Midwest, administered by the American Institutes for Research. The content of the publication does not necessarily reflect the views or policies of the Institute of Education Sciences (IES) or the U.S. Department of Education, nor does mention of trade names, commercial products, or organizations imply endorsement by the U.S. government.