



Office of Assessment and Accountability

Family Guide to the Kindergarten Readiness Assessment (KRA)

All students enrolled in kindergarten in Colleton County School District will be assessed using the Kindergarten Readiness Assessment (KRA). This assessment measures a child's readiness for engaging with instruction aligned to the kindergarten standards.

The Kindergarten Readiness Assessment is used to assess four areas of early learning:

- Social Foundations- including social and emotional development, and approaches toward learning
- Mathematics
- Language & Literacy
- Physical Well-being & Motor Development.

The assessment is administered during the first 45 days of the school year. Students are assessed through the teachers' direct observation of each student and students performing simple tasks.

Frequently Asked Questions

Why does my child need to take the Kindergarten Readiness Assessment? The KRA provides teachers will information about your child in four critical areas of learning so that they may determine where your child is in their social, emotional and motor development as well as other knowledge such as letter recognition or numbers. Teachers use this information to develop personalized learning in small groups and individualized instruction throughout the school year.

What does the assessment cover? The kindergarten assessment covers six areas: Social Skills, Language and Literacy, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies, Physical Well-Being and Motor Development. Most of the assessment occurs through teacher observation of the student throughout the school day. The focus of these observations cover skills such as interacting with others to following directions, sharing, and fine motor skills. Students also interact with the teacher during small groups or individualized opportunities to answer or complete tasks. Some examples of these tasks are matching shapes, counting, using a pattern, identify rhyming or recognizing letters.

When will this assessment occur? The assessment is given during the first 45 days of each school year.

My child has a special education plan. Does he or she have to participate? All students participate in the assessment. Students with accommodations for assessments in their plan are provided these accommodations during the assessment.

My child speaks English as a Second Language. Does he or she have to participate? Yes, the assessment has accommodations and supports for English Language Learners.

How long does the Kindergarten Readiness Assessment take? Students will not be aware for most of the assessment because the teacher completes observations of the student over a period of time. Once the observations are completed, the student performance tasks are completed over a period of time. The total amount of time it takes to give the assessment from beginning to end depends on the teacher and the students in the class.

Can my student opt out? No, the State of South Carolina requires all students to be assessed within the first 45 days of the school year.