

## **Guidance for Administering the Readiness Assessments in Fall 2020**

All students enrolled in a publicly-funded prekindergarten (4K) must take one of the three approved readiness assessments: Teaching Strategies GOLD™, Individual Growth and Development Indicators (myIGDIs™), or Phonological Awareness Literacy Screening (PALS™). The assessments must be administered during the first forty-five days and the last forty-five days of the school year. All public-school students enrolled in kindergarten (5K) must take the Kindergarten Readiness Assessment (KRA) during the first forty-five days of the school year.

### **General Guidance**

The following are recommended during the administration of the readiness assessments administered to students in 4K and 5K.

- Social distancing should be practiced as much as possible.
- Students and teachers should wear face masks.
- Teachers and/or students should wear gloves, because students and teachers may interact with the same manipulatives during the test session.
- A long object (e.g., a pointer, ruler, or yard-stick) may be used to point to pictures and words.
- All materials should be sanitized before and after testing (e.g., recording forms, testing cards, pencils). Paper/card board manipulatives and/or test item pages may be placed in a plastic sleeve or laminated for easy cleansing.
- Teaching Strategies Gold allows parents or professional staff to provide the teacher with evidence of student behaviors (e.g. videos or pictures). However, only the teacher of record can score the objectives.

### **Kindergarten Readiness Assessment (KRA)**

Thirty-three of the fifty KRA items should be administered in fall 2020. The remaining seventeen items should not be administered in fall 2020 because they require teachers to observe students as they interact with others.

The following items must be administered:

- Items 1–14 (Mathematics);
- Items 15–29 (Language & Literacy); and
- Items 45–47 and 50 (Physical Development & Well-Being).

The following items should NOT be administered:

- Items 30 and 31 (Language & Literacy);
- Items 32–43 (Social Foundations); and
- Items 44, 48, and 49 (Physical Development & Well-Being).

The K-Ready System will be programmed to only include the required items.

The total KRA score will be based on the thirty-three items that must be administered (i.e., items for Mathematics, Language & Literacy, and Physical Development & Well-Being). However, since some items will not be administered, domain scores will only be reported for Mathematics and Language & Literacy.

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