

Family Guide to the Kindergarten Readiness Assessment (KRA)

All students enrolled in kindergarten in Aiken County Public Schools will be assessed using the Kindergarten Readiness Assessment (KRA). This assessment includes ways for teachers to measure 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:

- x Social Foundations including social and emotional development, and approaches to learning
- x Mathematics
- x Language &

include the teacher's direct observation of each student and some parts include student performing simple tasks.

Frequently Asked Questions

Why does my child need to take the Kindergarten Readiness Assessment?

The KRA will provide information that teachers will use to get to know your child. The assessment provides important information in four critical areas of learning to determine where you

teacher is able to collect information that will help the teacher modify the learning environment to support your child's growth and development.

There are three ways your child will demonstrate that he or she knows and is able to do.

Your child will:

- x Select an answer to a question.
- x Do a requested task.

The teacher will:

- x Observe your child in school and at recess.
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When will this assessment happen?

The assessment is given during the first 45 days of school. In Aiken County, kindergarten teachers will have from August 10 until P L G October to complete the Kindergarten Readiness Assessment.

If my child has a special education plan, will he or she complete the assessment?

Yes. The Kindergarten Readiness Assessment is for all children including children with disabilities.

How long does the Kindergarten Readiness Assessment take?

The Kindergarten Readiness Assessment isn't a traditional paper and pencil assessment. For some parts of the test, your child won't even be aware of the assessment because it involves simple observations on the part of the teacher over a period of a few days. The amount of time it will take to administer, score and input assessment item data will vary from teacher to teacher and classroom to classroom.

Do all kindergarten students get tested with the Kindergarten Readiness Assessment?

Yes, all students must take the Kindergarten Readiness Assessment.

Can I opt out my child from the Kindergarten Readiness Assessment?