

Welcome to Kindergarten



HOW WILL TEACHERS GET TO KNOW MY KINDERGARTEN CHILD?

Because all children have unique backgrounds and experiences prior to entering kindergarten, teachers in South Carolina administer the Kindergarten Readiness Assessment (KRA) during the first 45 days of school to get to know your child as a learner.

All students enrolled in Aiken County Public Schools will participate in the Kindergarten Readiness Assessment.

Teachers will use the assessment to measure your child's knowledge and abilities in four areas: Social Foundations, Language and Literacy, Mathematics, and Physical Well-Being and Motor Development.

The assessment tool is not designed to rank children by ability, nor is it used for identifying gifted or challenged students. The assessment is to help your teacher get to know your child in a way that does not interrupt the child's learning. Your child may not even be aware that the teacher is using this tool because most of the tool requires the teacher to watch the student during the natural course of their school day activities.

| WHO? | WHEN? | HOW? |
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| The Kindergarten Readiness Assessment is for all kindergarten children enrolled in South Carolina public schools. | In Aiken County schools, the assessment period will start August 16, 2021 shortly after your child enters kindergarten and end in mid October. | There are three ways for your child to show what he or she knows and is able to do: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Selecting an answer to a question the teacher asks. 2. Performing a requested task. 3. Being observed by the teacher during normal school activities and routines . |

HOW WILL TEACHERS SHARE THE ASSESSMENT RESULTS WITH FAMILIES?

A Kindergarten Readiness Assessment Individual Student Report will be available for teachers to share with families later in the school year. The information collected from the assessment is beneficial for families and teachers to work as partners to help children succeed in kindergarten and initial information will be shared during Parent/Teacher Conferences in October.

WHAT ARE SOME EXAMPLES OF THE ASSESSMENT ACTIVITIES MY CHILD WILL EXPERIENCE?

The assessment includes activities where the teacher may work with your child one-on-one or in a small group. There are other activities where the teachers will watch your child interact with other students in class or on the playground. Below are a few examples of activities your child may experience in Language & Literacy, Mathematics, Physical Well-Being & Motor Development, and Social Foundations.

Language & Literacy

Simple words, letter sounds, rhymes, identifying simple objects from pictures and answering simple questions after listening to a brief story.



Mathematics

Counting to identify the number of objects in a picture or set, identification of simple shapes and size recognition (larger, smaller, etc.)



Physical Well-Being & Motor Development

Demonstrating locomotor skills with control, coordination and balance during active play (e.g., running, hopping, jumping).



Social Foundations

Interacting with peers in complex pretend play, includes planning, coordination of roles, and cooperation.



WHERE CAN I FIND MORE INFORMATION?

To learn more about how your child will be assessed with the Kindergarten Readiness Assessment, talk with your child's teacher or school principal. For additional information and answers to frequently asked questions, please visit <http://acpsd.net/OAA>