

## Colorado Department of Education

### ***GOLD***<sup>®</sup> FAQs

- 1. Can we be assured the system will work faster this year?**  
Teaching Strategies has made substantial investments and improvements to system performance. Teachers will be pleased with the difference when navigating through *GOLD*<sup>®</sup>.
- 2. Will kindergarten teachers need a new username and password for the *GOLD*<sup>®</sup> Birth through Third Grade platform?**  
If teachers are new to the *GOLD*<sup>®</sup> Birth through Third Grade platform, they will need a new username. If teachers are returning from last year, they can continue to use their former login.
- 3. Are there videos/documents that show teachers how to use the new platform?**  
There are support resources located throughout *GOLD*<sup>®</sup>. On the left hand navigation look for the Support and Resources option, and/or search for resources in the Help option, which is in the top right corner of the screen. You can also access Kindergarten specific resources here: <http://teachingstrategies.com/state/colorado/gold-support-colorado-educators/>
- 4. How do we import/upload students into the system?**  
Administrators can import student files by selecting “Import” in the left hand corner of navigation, in the “children” option, under the Administration tab.
- 5. Have the objectives/dimensions for kindergarten changed from last year?**  
While the objectives/dimensions themselves have not changed, teachers by default will have access to the KEA reduced set of objectives/dimensions. Teachers can opt-into additional objectives/dimensions that will be optional for the KEA, but still accessible when entering documentation and checkpoint ratings. Administrators can require additional objectives/dimensions, or even require the full set within the tool, which would make them both accessible and required for teachers.
- 6. When is the KEA Survey due for each student?**  
The KEA Survey is due 60 calendar days after the first day of school. Administrators can set this date for their district via the Programs option in the Administration tab. Schools can set this data via the Sites option in the Administration tab.
- 7. Is there a specific help document for the KEA Survey?**  
Yes, there is a KEA Survey support guide in the Support and Resources option on the left hand navigation option when viewing the survey.
- 8. Will the KEA reduced item set carry throughout the 2nd and 3rd checkpoints?**  
Yes, the reduced item set will remain for the rest of the year.
- 9. Can you add optional indicators after the KEA (for the following checkpoints) default items have been completed/finalized?**  
Yes, you can require additional objectives/dimensions after the KEA.

**10. Can the additional objectives and dimensions be set differently for schools in the same district?**

Yes – these can be set at the program level, the site level and the class level.

**11. When will the translated report card be available in Spanish?**

The Spanish version of the Report Card should be available this fall.

**12. Is there a form that teachers can use for documentation permission?**

Please contact the CDE for additional guidance on permission to use files for documentation.

**13. Does the *GOLD<sup>®</sup> Birth through Kindergarten* platform now have a documentation permission setting like the *GOLD<sup>®</sup> Birth through Third Grade* platform?**

Not at this time.

**14. Is the app on an iPad needed if the teacher does not have the permission to upload photos and videos?**

Unfortunately no, the *GOLD<sup>®</sup>* Documentation app will not be accessible for classrooms that do not have the upload a file option enabled.

**15. How will we be notified when an update has been made to the system?**

We will notify folks via email when there are changes to the tool.

**16. Does the *GOLD<sup>®</sup> Birth through Third Grade* platform require a new documentation app that corresponds to the expanded color bands?**

No, the *GOLD<sup>®</sup>* Documentation app will display either the *GOLD<sup>®</sup> Birth through Kindergarten* progressions or the *GOLD<sup>®</sup> Birth through Third Grade* progressions based on the teacher's login.