North Carolina KEA

Kindergarten School Readiness Assessment Information

Information and Resources

The North Carolina Kindergarten Entry Assessment (NCKEA) was developed by the North Caroline Department of Public Instruction. The Colorado State Board of Education (SBE) reviewed and approved NCKEA as a kindergarten school readiness assessment in Colorado in 2018.

The NCKEA is formative, aligned to the Early Learning and Development Standards, National Standards for kindergarten, and Colorado's Academic Standards for kindergarten. NCKEA informs teachers, administrators, and families on students' learning and development. Assessment data from NCKEA can inform Individual Learning Plans, *e.g.,* school readiness plans, and aggregated for submission to the Colorado Kindergarten School Readiness Data Collection.

Information and resources for the NCKEA assessment can be found on the [North Carolina Kindergarten webpage](#). The [North Carolina Construct Progression and Situations](#) book is available for download.

Assessment Domains

The Colorado State Board of Education has approved four assessment tools determined to be valid, reliable, and research-based instruments for assessing kindergarten school readiness (§22-7-1014). These tools assess physical well-being and motor development, social and emotional development, language and comprehension development, cognition, literacy, and mathematics (§22-7-1004). The following table outlines the developmental and academic domains required and the corresponding domain in DRDP-K.

Required Domains	NCKEA Domain
Physical Well-being and Motor Development	Health and Physical Development
Social and Emotional Development	Emotional and Social Development
Language and Comprehension Development	Language Development and Communication (Communication items)
Cognition	Approaches to Learning
General Knowledge: Literacy	Language Development and Communication (Literacy items)
General Knowledge: Mathematics	Cognitive Development

Frequently Asked Questions

How much does the NCKEA cost?
The NCKEA Construct Progression and Situations book is available to download at no cost. Districts may choose to use the paper option and utilize local data systems to capture the kindergarten school readiness data collected from the NCKEA assessment and report the aggregate data in the State Board approved reporting format.

What training is available for the NCKEA?

No training is available for this assessment tool. Additional resources may be found on the [North Carolina Department of Public Instruction's website](#).

Does the NCKEA have a report for the School Readiness Data Collection?
The NCKEA does not provide a customized report for Colorado. Manual data aggregation is necessary to report school readiness assessment information from the NCKEA in the SBE approved format. Resources have been developed to support districts with the manual data aggregation. Visit the [kindergarten school readiness data collection webpage](#) for more information.

What assessments and domains are included in DRPD-K?
The NCKEA is comprised of 5 different domains of learning and development. Assessment within each domain is required to meet minimum requirements.