



Information and Resources

Highscope's Child Observation Record (COR) for Kindergarten was developed by the HighScope Educational Research Foundation. COR for Kindergarten was reviewed and approved for kindergarten school readiness assessment in Colorado in 2017.

COR for Kindergarten is developmentally appropriate, aligned Early Learning and Development Standards, National Standards for kindergarten, and Colorado's Academic Standards for kindergarten. COR for Kindergarten provides valuable information about students' developmental progress. Districts can use this tool to provide useful information to teachers, administrators, and families to better address students' learning and developmental needs. Information from COR for Kindergarten can inform Individual School Readiness Plans, and data from the assessment can be used for submission to the Colorado Kindergarten School Readiness Data Collection.

Information and resources for Highscope's COR for Kindergarten assessment can be found on [Highscope's webpage](#).

Frequently Asked Questions about COR for Kindergarten

How much does COR for Kindergarten cost?

COR for Kindergarten is purchased as a subscription and renewed on a yearly basis. The cost is \$8.95 per child license and each license includes free archives and technical support. Additional information including a subscription form and contact information can be found in the assessment section of the [School Readiness webpage](#).

Is there training for COR for Kindergarten available?

Basic teacher training is found under the resource section of the COR for Kindergarten online site. The training includes a PowerPoint describing the assessment and how to use it in the classroom, information on how to use the online site, and two additional free online courses: *How to Write Objective Anecdotes* and a *Reliability Check*. Districts/schools can also request webinars, and face-to-face training, by contacting HighScope for availability and costs.

Are there reports in the COR for Kindergarten that can be used as Individual Readiness Plans?

The COR for Kindergarten online site automatically produces a variety of assessment reports, both for individual children and for groups of children. Individual child reports can be used as Individual School Readiness Plans. The *Student Summary- Family Report* is one report that could be used. Districts may also choose to develop their own template and use information collected from the COR for Kindergarten assessment to inform Individual Readiness Plans.

Is there a report in COR for Kindergarten for the School Readiness Data Collection?

The COR for Kindergarten online site includes a report for the Kindergarten School Readiness data collection. The report will automatically generate the required school readiness data in the State Board approved format. Administrators can create and export to Excel or PDF school level and district level reports. An [example of the report](#) can be found in the assessment section of the School Readiness webpage.



How many items are in COR for Kindergarten? And, are all the items required or is there a reduced item version?

COR for Kindergarten is comprised of the Kindergarten Entry Record (KER), the Ongoing Record (OR), and four progress-monitoring tools.

The KER is an observation-based assessment administered during the first few months of school that measures what a child knows and can do at kindergarten entry across five domains.

The Ongoing Record (OR) is an observation-based assessment that measures the same five domains and consists of the 20 KER items, and 10 additional items that kindergarten teachers and experts identified as useful to track throughout the kindergarten year. The OR measures attainment of end-of-year kindergarten standards.

Progress-monitoring tools are embedded throughout COR for Kindergarten and include, letter identification charts for lowercase and uppercase letters, letter sound charts, and numeral identification charts.

Districts may choose to use the full COR for Kindergarten assessment according to the publisher's guidelines, or districts may use only the KER in the first 60 calendar days of the school year. The following section outlines the required areas and the direct correlation to the areas in COR for Kindergarten. Items within the required areas have not been further reduced for COR of Kindergarten.

Assessment Areas

CAP4K calls for school readiness to include both developmental and academic domains: physical well-being and motor development, social and emotional development, language and comprehension, cognition, and general knowledge (math and literacy). Section 22-7-1004 (1) C.R.S. In COR for Kindergarten that would be: Health and Physical Development, Social and Emotional Development, Literacy and Language, Approaches to Learning and Mathematics

The following table outlines the developmental and academic areas called for in CAP4K and the corresponding area in COR for Kindergarten.

CAP4K	COR for Kindergarten
physical well-being and motor development	Health and Physical Development
social and emotional development	Social and Emotional Development
<u>language</u> and comprehension	Literacy and <u>Language</u>
cognition	Approaches to Learning
general knowledge- <u>literacy</u>	<u>Literacy</u> and Language
general knowledge- math	Mathematics