

HighScope COR-Kindergarten

Kindergarten School Readiness Assessment Information



Information and Resources

Highscope’s Child Observation Record (COR) for kindergarten was developed by the HighScope Educational Research Foundation. The Colorado State Board of Education (SBE) reviewed and approved COR-K as a kindergarten school readiness assessment in Colorado in 2017.

COR-K includes the Kindergarten Entry Record (KER), the Ongoing Record (OR), and progress monitoring tools. The COR-K is formative, aligned to the Early Learning and Development Standards, National Standards for kindergarten, and Colorado’s Academic Standards for kindergarten. COR-K informs teachers, administrators, and families on students’ learning and development. Assessment data from COR-K 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 Highscope’s COR-K assessment can be found on [Highscope’s webpage](#).

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 COR-K.

Required Domains	COR-K Domain
Physical Well-being and Motor Development	Health and Physical Development
Social and Emotional Development	Social and Emotional Development
Language and Comprehension Development	Literacy and <i>Language</i> (Language items)
Cognition	Approaches to Learning
General Knowledge: Literacy	<i>Literacy</i> and Language (Literacy items)
General Knowledge: Mathematics	Mathematics

Frequently Asked Questions

How much does COR-K cost?

COR-K 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. Licenses and renewals can be purchased by visiting [Highscope’s COR for kindergarten webpage](#) or by [emailing Highscope](#).

What training is available for COR-K?

Basic courses are available at no cost including a Teacher Training Guide (Self-paced), Assessment Training, Administrator User Guide (KER and OR), and Teacher User Guide. For virtual or in-person professional learning opportunities, please [email HighScope](#).

Does COR-K have a report for the School Readiness Data Collection?

COR-K 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 an excel spreadsheet of school level and district level reports.

What assessments and domains are included in COR-K?

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 to assess throughout the kindergarten year. The OR measures attainment of end-of-year kindergarten standards.

Progress-monitoring tools include letter identification for lowercase and uppercase letters, letter sound, and numeral identification.