

# Teaching Strategies GOLD®

## Kindergarten School Readiness Assessment Information



### Information and Resources

GOLD® is an assessment created by Teaching Strategies. The Colorado State Board of Education (SBE) reviewed and approved Teaching Strategies GOLD® as a kindergarten school readiness assessment in Colorado in 2012. Additionally, the SBE reviewed and approved the GOLD® Kindergarten Entry Assessment (KEA) survey in 2014.

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

Information about the Teaching Strategies GOLD® assessment can be found on [Teaching Strategies webpage](#). Additional GOLD® resources are also available on the [Colorado GOLD® support page](#). The Teaching Strategies GOLD® assessment and other digital tools and resources can be accessed through the [MyTeachingStrategies™ online platform](#) with a current kindergarten license.

### 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 Teaching Strategies GOLD®.

Statutorily Required	GOLD® Domain
Physical Well-being and Motor Development	Physical
Social and Emotional Development	Social-emotional
Language and Comprehension Development	Language
Cognition	Cognitive
Literacy	Literacy
Mathematics	Math

In addition to the required areas, Teaching Strategies GOLD® includes additional assessment areas districts may choose to assess. The optional areas include Science and Technology, Social Studies, The Arts and English Language Acquisition.

## Frequently Asked Questions

### **How much does Teaching Strategies GOLD® cost?**

GOLD® is purchased as a subscription and renewed on a yearly basis. The cost is \$10.45 per child license and includes free archives and technical support. Contact information for subscriptions and renewals are available on the [Colorado GOLD support page](#).

### **What training is available for Teaching Strategies GOLD®?**

Basic courses are available at no cost in the Develop area of the [MyTeachingStrategies™ online platform](#). These courses include: Introducing MyTeachingStrategies™, GOLD® Introduction, Objectives for Development and Learning, and Getting to Know GOLD® for Kindergarten Entry Assessment. Interrater Reliability Certification is also available within MyTeachingStrategies™. Additional courses are available at a cost by purchasing teacher professional development membership subscriptions. Districts/schools can also request face-to-face training by contacting Teaching Strategies for availability and costs.

### **Does Teaching Strategies GOLD® have a report for the School Readiness Data Collection?**

MyTeachingStrategies™ 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 the school level and district level reports to excel.

### **What are the differences between Teaching Strategies GOLD® and the GOLD® Kindergarten Entry Assessment (KEA) survey?**

Both Teaching Strategies GOLD® and the GOLD® KEA survey meet the requirements of the kindergarten school readiness assessment and are approved by the SBE. The GOLD® KEA survey assesses a reduced number of items (31 items) within the required domains of school readiness. Teaching Strategies GOLD® assesses all 6 required domains and additional items across 38 objectives and 10 domains of learning and development. Districts may choose to use the full GOLD® assessment according to the publisher's guidelines, or districts may use only the KEA survey to meet the minimum requirements in the first 60 calendar days of the school year.

## **KEA Survey Items**

The KEA survey included 31 items within the required domains. For a complete list of survey items, please [contact us](#).