COR for Kindergarten, HighScope’s newly developed research-validated child assessment tool, offers comprehensive assessment for children attending kindergarten. Administrators and teachers have quick access to a wide range of reports documenting children’s growth and development and can use this information to guide teaching and program planning.

COR for Kindergarten is comprised of two assessments, the Kindergarten Entry Record (KER) and the Ongoing Record (OR), and four progress-monitoring tools. The KER consists of 20 items across five domains: Literacy and Language, Mathematics, Health and Physical Development, Approaches to Learning, and Social and Emotional Development. It is an observation-based assessment administered during the first few months of school. The KER measures what a child knows and can do at kindergarten entry. The Ongoing Record (OR) is an observation-based assessment that measures the same five domains and consists of the 20 KER items and 10 more items that kindergarten teachers and experts identified as useful to track throughout the kindergarten year. Teachers administer the OR up to three times across the school year after completion of the KER. The OR measures attainment of end-of-year kindergarten standards. We embedded progress-monitoring tools in COR for Kindergarten; the tools include letter identification charts for lowercase and uppercase letters, letter sound charts, and numeral identification charts.

When teachers use both assessments and the progress-monitoring tools, they get a comprehensive view of what each child knows and is able to do at kindergarten entry and throughout the school year. The teachers can use the information they collect to inform instruction for individual students as well as small- and whole-group instruction. Teachers can detect learning problems early and quickly and provide interventions that they can use to monitor children’s progress and determine if the intervention is working as expected. Knowing where each child is on the developmental progression, for key indicators in the domains crucial for future school success, is fundamental to understanding how to support each child’s learning and development. COR for Kindergarten provides that information in one assessment system that teachers can successfully administer and reliably score.

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.

For the college setting, HighScope offers two plans – an Educational Purposes Plan and a College Lab School Plan. Designed for college instructors when teaching about child assessment, the Educational Purposes account is offered at no charge. For children served in a College Lab School setting, we offer a reduced rate of $6.00 per child license.

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