



GKIDS Readiness Check

Reminders and Considerations

The GKIDS Readiness Check is a component of the Georgia Kindergarten Inventory of Developing Skills 2.0 (GKIDS) and is designed to provide teachers with important information about children's learning and development as they enter kindergarten. As part of the GKIDS 2.0, the GKIDS Readiness Check offers an early assessment window to support teachers in designing individualized instruction. The GKIDS Readiness Check is designed to be developmentally appropriate and will be used primarily for planning and instructional purposes.

The following are some reminders and considerations regarding preparation for the GKIDS Readiness Check.

Reminders

- Districts should decide whether teachers will manually add students at the beginning of the year or, if at the system level, a roster of kindergarten students will be uploaded to the GKIDS 2.0 platform.
- All system coordinator and school coordinator information in the GKIDS 2.0 platform will need to be entered manually.
 - A member from the GKIDS 2.0 support team will complete setup of one system contact per district in early July.
 - System coordinators will be responsible for school administrator account setup.
- Depending on the decision by the district regarding the roster upload process, teacher accounts will either be pre-loaded into the system or will need to be created manually. Check with your district administrator to confirm.
- The administration window of the GKIDS Readiness Check is unique to each district and is dependent on your district's start date. The window closes 6 weeks (or 30 school days) from the first day of school. Each district's assessment window end date will be communicated in early July.
- Certified teachers and paraprofessionals who hold licensure in the state of Georgia may administer the GKIDS Readiness Check. Educators administering the GKIDS Readiness Check **must** complete training, including the required teacher training webinar and Modules 1-6, prior to the administration window.
- Teachers who completed the training modules for a previous administration of the GKIDS Readiness Check are not required to view the modules again. However, the modules are available for reference at any point.
- Returning kindergarten teachers should be provided updates and guidance as needed by school and/or district leaders to ensure a smooth administration.

- The GKIDS Readiness Check resources can be accessed through the GaDOE website GKIDS Readiness Check landing page and the GKIDS 2.0 platform. Resources include documents such as the GKIDS Readiness Check Administration Manual, Optional Resources (e.g., checklists which may be used to collect data, a materials list for planning, etc.), Reminders and Considerations, and Next Steps Guide for instructional planning.

<http://www.gadoe.org/Curriculum-Instruction-and-Assessment/Assessment/Pages/Readiness.aspx>

- Data collection and reporting for the GKIDS Readiness Check will occur through the GKIDS 2.0 platform. User guides and supporting modules are available for reference.

Training Considerations

Training for the administration of the GKIDS Readiness Check will be facilitated via online modules provided through Georgia Learns in SLDS. Certified teachers or paraprofessionals who will administer any activities **must** complete training prior to the administration window. Training for the GKIDS Readiness Check should occur prior to the first day of school for all educators who will administer any of the activities. Teachers who completed the training modules for a previous administration of the GKIDS Readiness Check are not required to view the modules again. However, the modules are available for reference at any point.

- Seven Training Modules for the GKIDS Readiness Check are available to teachers in Georgia Learns.
- Modules 1-3 include general information about the GKIDS Readiness Check and administration activities assessed using direct and indirect methods. Module 5 (Readiness Check Administration) and Module 6 (Using the GKIDS Readiness Check to Inform Instruction), along with Modules 1-3, may be viewed as a group or individually by teachers.
- Module 4, however, **must** be viewed individually. This module provides teachers both guided and independent practice evaluating student performance on the GKIDS Readiness Check. The quiz component included in Module 4 helps to ensure that student performance is being viewed through the same lens by all who administer the GKIDS Readiness Check. This quiz is provided as an opportunity for teachers to receive feedback as they rate student performance in the samples provided in Module 4. Teachers may view this module and take the quiz as needed to feel confident in the administration of the GKIDS Readiness Check.
- Onscreen certificates of completion are provided with each module. It is recommended that teachers print and/or save the certificates as a record of completion. These may be housed at the classroom, school, or even district level.
- It is recommended that documentation of Module 4 completion by all participating educators be collected and retained at the district level.
 - Districts should determine how to monitor and document training. Districts or schools may choose to require teachers to provide printed copies of the completion certificates provided upon completion of the online training modules. These copies may be kept as documentation in the school testing log.
 - Training can be completed any time that is convenient (e.g., during planning time, during post-planning, etc.).

Contact Information

- Questions about the GKIDS platform should be directed via Intercom, an online chat feature providing live customer support to all users. More information about the location and navigation of Intercom can be found in the Platform User's Guide located at the following link: <https://www.gadoe.org/Curriculum-Instruction-and-Assessment/Assessment/Pages/GKIDS-2.0-Resources.aspx>
- Questions about the GKIDS Readiness Check should be directed to the GaDOE Assessment Office by calling (470) 579-3244.
- Questions about the SLDS should be directed to the GaDOE technology department: slds@doe.k12.ga.us