



Richard Woods, Georgia's School Superintendent

MEMORANDUM

DATE: February 27, 2017
TO: System Testing Coordinators
FROM: Melissa Fincher,
Deputy Superintendent, Assessment & Accountability
SUBJECT: Kindergarten Teacher Training for GKIDS Readiness Check

As a follow-up to the February 17, 2017, memo regarding the operational launch of the Georgia Kindergarten Inventory of Developing Skills (GKIDS) Readiness Check, below is additional information on training designed specifically for kindergarten teachers.

Remember that this operational launch will involve administering the GKIDS Readiness Check to all kindergarten students statewide at the beginning of the 2017-18 school year.

[GKIDS Readiness Check Kindergarten Teacher Training Series \(Optional\)](#)

We invite **kindergarten teachers** to join an *optional* **What to Expect Webinar Series**. This informational series has been designed to introduce teachers to the GKIDS Readiness Check.

Kindergarten teachers may register for *both* sessions below to learn more about the GKIDS Readiness Check; *please share this information with your kindergarten teachers*.

Kindergarten Teacher What to Expect Webinar Series		
Date	Time	Registration Link
Wednesday, March 8, 2017	3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Session 1 - GKIDS Readiness Check Overview: https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8994082460807424260
Wednesday, April 19, 2017	3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Session 2 - GKIDS Readiness Check Online Platform: https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/6242686554468913922

Sessions will be recorded for those who may be unable to attend at the times above.

The webinar platform requires that each participant **pre-register**, using the registration links above. After pre-registering, you will receive a unique link to use in entering the actual webinar session on its scheduled date/time. Your pre-registration will also generate automatic reminders (that will be sent to the email address you provide) prior to the session.

The registration links (above) may be shared with others in your office/system that may need to attend the sessions. They must also pre-register – and upon doing so will receive their own unique link to enter the session.

GKIDS Readiness Check Kindergarten Teacher Training Webinar (Required)

More detailed information about the administration of the GKIDS Readiness Check will be provided in the **GKIDS Readiness Check Teacher Training Webinar**. Kindergarten teachers are required to participate in this webinar. Registration links for this training webinar are listed below.

Kindergarten teachers must register for **one** of the following sessions. The sessions are repeated to provide alternate dates and times to participate. Pre-registration is required as described above. The webinars will also be recorded.

GKIDS Readiness Check Teacher Training Webinar		
Date	Time	Registration Link
Tuesday, May 2, 2017	3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/1840066074993597442
Thursday, May 11, 2017	3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Live Repeat: https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/7347568197035224834
Thursday, May 18, 2017	3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.	Live Repeat: https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/2831229628121505025
Tuesday, May 30, 2017	2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Live Repeat: https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/7835593030269566209
Monday, June 5, 2017	10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	Live Repeat: https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/2089313266558739201
Tuesday, July 25, 2017	2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Live Repeat for Newly Hired & Reassigned K Teachers: https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/1753600480585321474

Following the training sessions above, kindergarten teachers should complete the **GKIDS Readiness Check online training modules (Module 1 – Module 6)** to conclude their training (prior to the beginning of the school year). These modules will be available within the Statewide Longitudinal Data System (SLDS). Details on how to access the modules will be shared during the webinar. School and district leaders will be responsible for monitoring teachers' completion of the online modules, as outlined during the STC/School Administrator training sessions.

If you need additional information, please contact Dr. Ashley Hope, Assessment Specialist – Early Learning Measures, at ahope@doe.k12.ga.us or (404) 657-0312 or Dr. Jan Reyes, Test Development Program Manager, at jreyes@doe.k12.ga.us or (404) 463-6665.

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