

KIDS Assessment

2015-2016

What is the KIDS Assessment?

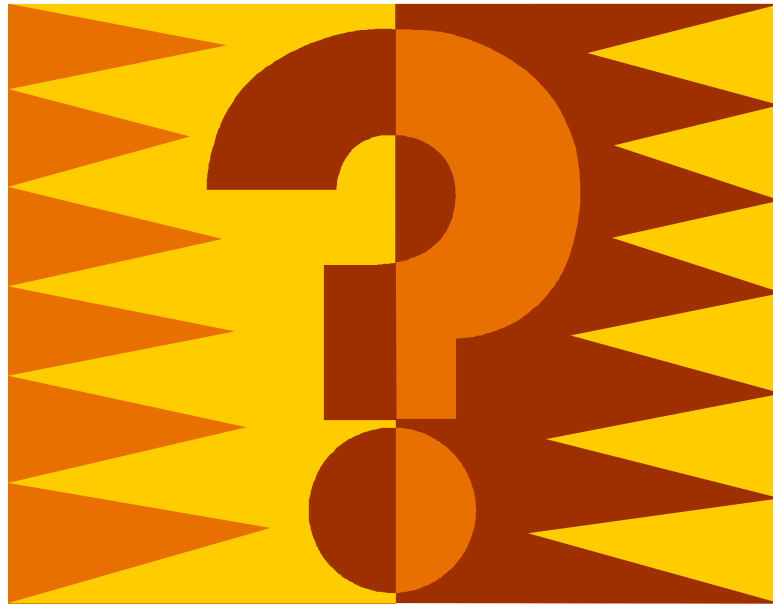
- It stands for: Kindergarten Individual Development Survey
- It is a comprehensive process designed to provide information about children's competencies across developmental domains over time and to inform whether Illinois' kindergarteners have the skills and knowledge needed to succeed in school.
- First observational assessment process of its kind
- Observational assessment tool to be used with kindergarten students throughout the year (data will be documented online three times a year)
- Kindergarten teachers are responsible for the data entry but observational data is collected by all staff working with these students.

Why is there a KIDS Assessment?

- In 2010, State Superintendent, Chris Koch, began planning this initiative
- Legislation was created: “Each school district offering a kindergarten program, whether full-day or half-day, shall administer the Illinois Kindergarten Individual Development Survey (KIDS) annually, beginning in the 2015-16 school year.”
- To create a comprehensive baseline of student performance as they begin school
- Kindergarten is a formative and critical part of a child’s life

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Zq_kjImvxM

How are you feeling and what questions do you have so far?



Past and Upcoming Trainings

- Central office administrators attended an overview training on October 9th.
- Building principals attended an overview training on October 14th.
- District-wide administrative “processing meeting” on October 20th to plan next steps
- You all are signed up for a two-day training on Wednesday, January 14th and Thursday, January 15th (tentatively at the Hampton Inn in McHenry)

Resources

- <http://www.illinoiskids.org/content/about-kids> Main Website
- http://www.illinoiskids.org/sites/default/files/training_docs/KIDS2015FULL081314.pdf User's Guide and Instrument
- <http://www.illinoiskids.org/content/faq-0> FAQ document

Thoughts, Questions, Needs

