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
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/content/faq-0  FAQ document
Thoughts, Questions, Needs