

A PARENT'S GUIDE TO TEACHING STRATEGIES GOLD (TS Gold)

Assessments provide valuable information for students, parents and educators on whether students have mastered grade level and content standards and are on track to graduate prepared for the 21st century. These assessment results are intended to provide one measure in a body of evidence of your child's academic progress.



WHAT IS TS Gold?

Teaching Strategies (TS) Gold is an ongoing, observation-based assessment for preschool and kindergarten students. Teachers observe children in the context of their everyday experiences to determine what they know and can do, and their strengths, needs and interests within 6 areas of learning and development: Social Emotional, Physical, Language, Cognitive, Literacy and Mathematics (English Language Acquisition where applicable). TS Gold meets the state requirement of the Early Readiness Assessment.



WHEN IS MY CHILD BEING TESTED?

Each preschool student will be observed in an ongoing basis, and the data collected by your child's teacher will be finalized 3 times each year at the state checkpoint deadlines. Kindergarten students will be observed in an ongoing basis during the first 60 days of school and data will be finalized once at the first state checkpoint. Schools can determine if they wish to continue using TS Gold with kindergarten students throughout the remainder of the year for progress monitoring. As this is an observation-based model, no instructional time is used to administer this assessment.

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Key

Preschool/kindergarten checkpoint

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