

Michigan Kindergarten Entry Observation

MKEO

Policy Implications

- Increase in GSRP funding--total investment of nearly \$250 million
- Top Ten in Ten Goal: Universal Pre-K for 3 and 4 year old children
 - “To be successful at becoming a Top 10 performing state in 10 years, Michigan must develop a *coherent* and *cohesive* strategy for the children, and implement that plan with continuity for multiple years. Education reform takes time; we must implement, use evidence and data to correct course, and continue with progress on key goals.”
- Balanced Assessment
 - Possible misalignment between *academic* domain assessment and Michigan early childhood expectations as approved by SBE
 - MKEO includes social-emotional and physical development data is not collected



Purpose of the MKEO

To support and advance children's early learning and academic achievement.

The data collected from the assessment **can inform instruction and decision making** that:

- Benefits children
- Assists teachers
- Informs families
- Advises school leaders and early childhood programs
- Instructs community leaders and policy makers



What is a **K**indergarten **R**eadiness **A**ssessment?

The KRA looks at the **WHOLE CHILD**- knowledge, skills, and behaviors of kindergarteners across four domains:



Language & Literacy



Mathematics



Social Foundations



Physical Well-Being and Motor Development

***Not previously assessed**



MKEO Assessment Methods & Item Types

The MKEO uses multiple assessment methods and a developmentally appropriate mix of items.

Direct Performance*	Observation
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Selected Response• Performance Task	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Observational Rubric

*A subset of these items are available to administer on a child-friendly app (iOS/Android tablet or PC/MAC computer)

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Options

<p>Assess minimum of 35% of your students to meet compliance for MKEO and complete additional assessments to use for screeners, student growth, etc.</p>	<p>Assess 100% of students and use the MKEO to inform IRIPs and in place of an initial screener. Other assessments should be selected for student growth and progress monitoring.</p>	<p>Assess 100% of your students on the MKEO and administer an additional initial screener and other assessments.</p>
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Reports: For Teachers

During Administration

- Plan instruction, inform further diagnostic assessment needed, identify student strengths and needs, create instructional groups, and identify social-emotional supports

After Administration

- An **Individual Student Report (ISR)** is sharable with families and includes background of MKEO, student score page with overall MKEO score and performance level descriptor for that score, domain scores, and additional resources for families

Reports: For District & School Administrators

After Administration

During Administration

- **Data Completion**
 - Reports with percent totals available
 - Completion by item and student available
- **Data Downloads**
 - Teachers, students, enrollments
- **Language & Literacy Domain Report**
 - Report with scores on Language & Literacy domain
 - Available in 2018

• **Scale Score Report**

- Demographic data
- Scores by item
- Overall MKEO score and domain scores
- Which items administered using the MKEO App

• **ISR Report**

- Printed and shipped to schools so teachers can share with parents/families

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