



Comparison of KEP-Approved Assessments for SY 2019-20

Early learning teachers, administrators, and professionals should use this chart to compare Kindergarten Entry Profile (KEP)-approved assessments. Each assessment underwent a rigorous review to be placed on the KEP menu of approved assessments. Each KEP-approved assessment tool: (1) is age and developmentally appropriate, (2) produces valid and reliable data, (3) aligns with the [2017 Early Childhood Indicators of Progress \(ECIPs\)](#) and the [Kindergarten Academic Standards](#), (4) incorporates a whole-child view of education (covers all eight Domains of Learning), (5) is accessible and appropriate for culturally and linguistically diverse children, including children with disabilities, (6) provides real-time formative data that can be used to individualize instruction, (7) relies on authentic assessment, and (8) can be used across a range of ages/grades. Additionally, each assessment allows users to upload documentation (e.g., photos, work samples).

Each assessment may be used across settings/programs: school-based programs (e.g., voluntary pre-kindergarten, school readiness, school readiness plus), early childhood special education (for Child Outcome Summary Forms – aka COSF – reporting), and to fulfill the assessment requirement for Parent Aware 3-4 star rated programs.

	Desired Results Developmental Profile (DRDP)		GOLD	Work Sampling System (WSS)
Version	PS	K	Birth - Third Grade	P - 4
Publisher and Year	WestEd and California, 2015		Teaching Strategies, 2017	Pearson, 2015
Age Range	The year prior to K entry	Kindergarten	Birth through third grade	The year prior to K through the start of K
Includes Grades 1 - 3	No		Yes	No
Versions for younger children	DRDP IT: infants/toddlers		Covers birth through third grade	The Ounce: infants/toddlers The P-3: 3-year-olds
% of ECIP Indicators Covered	98%	89%	99%	88%
% of Items Aligned to the ECIPs	94%	93%	99%	93%
Cost per Child*	\$5**		\$10.95	\$10.00
Number of Objectives/Items	52	47	73	69
Range of scores	0 - 6, 7, 8 or 9		0 - 2*** to 0 - 19	1 - 3
Ability to batch upload student data	Yes		Yes	No
Ability to download individual item data	Yes		Yes	Yes
Mobile App	Yes		Yes	No
Website	DRDP Assessment		GOLD Assessment	WSS Assessment
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Note: Once an assessment meets the KEEP assessment criteria, MDE does not endorse one approved assessment over another.

* Minnesota offers [State-Negotiated Rates for Early Childhood Assessments](#) for districts, charter schools, Head Start programs and some nonprofit or government-affiliated child care centers.

** There is a minimum base fee of \$400 (for up to 50 children, each additional assessment is \$5)

*** Science and Technology, Social Studies, and The Arts domains are rated on a 0-2 scale