

Kindergarten Teachers Needed

Michigan Department of Education's Bureau of Assessment and Accountability (BAA) is pleased to announce the Fall 2013 Pilot of the Kindergarten Entry Assessment (KEA). Michigan chose Teaching Strategies GOLD for the pilot assessment. It is an online, observational survey administered the first 45 days of school. For more information about Teaching Strategies GOLD visit their website at <http://www.teachingstrategies.com/page/GOLD-assessment-online.cfm>. Michigan kindergarten teachers will play a critical role in helping BAA customize the KEA for Michigan's teachers, students, and families.

What is the purpose of the Kindergarten Entry Assessment (KEA)?

Provide teachers and parents with important criterion-based information about a child's learning and development at the beginning of kindergarten so that teachers can inform individual instruction and parents can provide learning opportunities beyond the school day.

Who can participate?

Kindergarten teachers and Developmental Kindergarten teachers can participate.

When will the pilot take place?

The pilot window is September 3 through November 8, 2013. Teachers who participate in the pilot are required to attend a training session prior to participating in the pilot study. Training sessions will occur throughout Michigan from August 12, 2013 to August 29, 2013. More information about the training sessions will be provided to those participating as the schedule is completed.

How can you help?

Districts and Schools can help by identifying kindergarten teachers who may want to participate. Kindergarten teachers can help by completing the interest survey for pilot testing.

Interest Survey for Pilot Testing Fall 2013

<https://baameap.wufoo.com/forms/kindergarten-entry-assessment-pilot/>

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