



Fall 2015

Michigan Kindergarten Entry Assessment (KEA) - Continuous Support Options

The following Fall 2015 scheduled activities are sponsored by the Michigan Department of Education (MDE), Office of Standards and Assessment (OSA) and TS Gold.

For Teachers

Refresher Webinar

- **August 24 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM**

This webinar is open to all participating KEA teachers and will focus on reviewing the process of collecting documentation, entering preliminary checkpoints, and on completing the final October KEA checkpoint. We will also demonstrate the various reports that help teachers to more effectively plan for instruction. You'll also have an opportunity to ask questions to MDE and TS Gold staff to best prepare yourself for

administering the KEA this coming fall. An email with registration information was sent on August 7, 2015.

Bi-Weekly Check-ins (Webinars)

- **September 17 4:00 – 5:00 PM**
- **October 1 4:00 – 5:00 PM**
- **October 15 4:00 – 5:00 PM**
- **October 29 4:00 – 5:00 PM**

This series of webinars is designed to provide an opportunity for all KEA teachers to dialogue with OSA staff and most importantly, with others from around the state, regarding the successes and challenges of KEA implementation. This open structured webinar time should also provide teachers with an opportunity to brainstorm and share ideas with each other.





Call-in Information will be emailed to all participants prior to the webinar dates so there is no need to register for these events. However, OSA encourages participants to submit ideas for discussion topics in advance by sending them to Jennifer Paul at paulj@michigan.gov or Laska Creagh at creaghl@michigan.gov. All bi-weekly check-ins will be recorded and posted to the [KEA website](http://www.michigan.gov/kea) (www.michigan.gov/kea).

For ISDs and RESAs

How Can ISDs and RESAs Support the KEA?

- **September 11, 2015** 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM
Lansing, MI

An in-person session designed for ISD and RESA personnel who are committed to aiding their districts' implementation of the KEA this fall will be held at the Michigan Department of Education. TS Gold trainers will be on site to aid in understanding the TS Gold site and app and will be joined by representatives from the Office of Standards & Assessment. [Registration](#) for this event is available online (<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/K6Q6FYG>).

For District/Building Administrators

DAS Fall Conferences

- **August 20** – Lansing Convention Center, Lansing, MI
- **August 25** - Mountain Resort, Thompsonville, MI
- **September 1** – Eagle Crest Resort, Ypsilanti, MI

A session designed to provide administrators with information about the KEA will be offered at each of the DAS Fall Conference dates. This session will focus on reports, potential district uses for the data, and ways in which schools can be supportive of the KEA work happening. The information from this session will be recorded and posted to the [KEA website](http://www.michigan.gov/kea) (www.michigan.gov/kea). Additionally, the *Everything You Need to Know About the KEA* document is also available on the Michigan KEA website.

You can still register for the September [DAS Fall Conference](http://www.gomiem.org/news/das-fall-conferences-assessment-and-accountability) (<http://www.gomiem.org/news/das-fall-conferences-assessment-and-accountability>).

Additional Support Options

Representatives from the Office of Standards and Assessment (OSA) are intending to visit schools implementing the KEA this coming fall. These are not monitoring visits but are observational visits and are intended to help OSA understand the KEA implementation processes for schools. Please be on the lookout for communication from OSA if you are selected as a site that will be visited.

For questions about:

- Anything on the TS Gold site or the app
mikea@teachingstrategies.com
(866)-736-5913
- General questions about implementation, concerns, or ideas
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