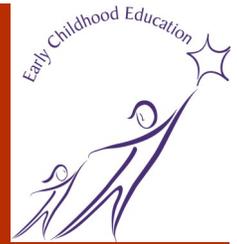




GOLD Nuggets



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Welcome to GOLD Nuggets!

GOLD Nuggets is a publication from the ADE Early Childhood Education unit intended to share “nuggets” of information specific to the statewide implementation of the assessment instrument, Teaching Strategies GOLD. Arizona-specific policies, helpful hints and other important announcements related to GOLD will be shared through this document. The ECE unit will continue to send other updates and memos focused on broader issues impacting the early childhood field.

If you have any **questions related to implementing GOLD**, please contact Elizabeth Hamilton at 602-364-1948 or Elizabeth.hamilton@azed.gov.

Should a program need to transfer files from site to site please fill out a transfer request and send it via email to Elizabeth Hamilton. Please be as specific as possible on the transfer request .

Entering Child Information in GOLD

New this fall to GOLD was entering a SAIS ID# for every child on GOLD. At the next checkpoint, February 7, 2014 part of your compliance will be to make sure that each child has a valid SAIS ID#.

SAIS ID#: Please enter each child’s SAIS ID number in this field. If the child does not yet have a SAIS ID number, use 0000000000 as a place holder. Once the SAIS ID# is received, return to the child’s portfolio and edit the information. When ADE runs the “Assessment Status Report” in February, all sites with students that have 0000000000 as their SAIS ID# will be considered out of compliance.

An accurate and valid SAIS ID# is a critical piece of information about a child over their entire school career. We must ensure that the SAIS# connects GOLD information to the child’s K-12 information properly. When this is done, we are able to have longitudinal data for AZ kids in all programs. By inputting invalid SAIS ID#, we will never be able to tell you what becomes of the kids from specific programs.

Due to the importance of this information:

You must have a SAIS ID number entered for every child before finalizing checkpoint data in February!

CTDS#: *County/Type/District/School.* Every program in Arizona using GOLD under the Arizona Department of Education license is required to have a CTDS number. This includes programs that are not considered school districts. Programs can apply for this number through this online application: https://www.azed.gov/schoolfinance/FAQs/CTDS_District/EntityProfileForm.pdf

If your program all ready participates in the Free Lunch program through ADE, then you may all ready have a CTDS #. Please contact Elizabeth Hamilton if you are unsure of your CTDS#.

Upcoming INTRO to GOLD training

If you have any new teachers or are new to the GOLD tool this year then to be in compliance, you must attend the Intro to GOLD training. We are offering this training in Phoenix on Jan. 11 & 12. It is a 2-day training, 6 hours each day, and is \$198 per person to attend. There currently is no other training like this scheduled and this may be the last chance before the next checkpoint. Please sign up on ADE’s Early Childhood website to register or contact Elizabeth Hamilton.

THIS IS REQUIRED FOR COMPLIANCE.

Please remember the next checkpoint is February 7, 2014.

Have a safe and Happy Holiday Season!