



# Assessments

## Arizona Kindergarten Entry Assessment (KEA) Requirements and Updates for 2023-2024 School Year

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To: KEA District Test Coordinators

The Arizona Department of Education has been a strong supporter of House Bill 2060, which will allow LEAs to select and administer a kindergarten evaluation tool selected by the district governing board or charter school governing body. Additionally, the bill states that LEAs will not be required to administer the State Board-adopted KEA with Teaching Strategies GOLD.

This bill, now signed into law, **goes into effect 90 days after adjournment of the State Legislature, which remains in session.**

In the meantime, the current legal guidance remains in effect. The revised KEA needs to be administered within **forty-five calendar days after the beginning of each school year or within forty-five calendar days after a pupil enrolls.**

The KEA training availability and assessment time have been vastly improved since the program was first implemented last year. Serious concerns were raised by teachers regarding the original program and the Department of Education responded. The revised version reduces assessment time, leaving teachers more time for their teaching.

Among schools that had expressed concerns about administering last year's KEA, feedback has been universally positive regarding the revised version.

Please share this update with appropriate administrators and staff in your district or charter.

For more information about AZ KEA and the Teaching Strategies GOLD Platform, please see the [KEA Infographic](#).

For more information about KEA: <https://www.azed.gov/ece/kindergarten>.