



Assessments

Kindergarten Entry Assessment (KEA) May 5, 2023 Webinar

District/Charter Test Coordinators (DTCs):

Where can I find the updated DTC Form to complete for the KEA?

You can find the form on the kindergarten website under KEA Resources or here: [DTC Form 2022-2023](#).

What are the requirements for a DTC?

District/Charter Test Coordinators:

- *Complete the DTC Form for the current school year.*
- *Complete the TSG KEA 3hr live training.*
- *Gain access into the Teaching Strategies GOLD (TSG) platform.*
- *Ensure all sites, classrooms, teachers, and students are entered into the TSG platform.*
- *Run the Assessment Status report within the TSG platform to verify completion of the assessment requirement.*

How can I ensure I'm receiving the most up-to-date information regarding the KEA?

Subscribe via the subscription button on the kindergarten page of the website. DTC's are automatically subscribed once the DTC form has been submitted to the KEA inbox.

Is there a separate training needed for DTC aside from what is offered for teachers?

No. The 3-hour live training is all that is currently required for DTCs to attend.

My program has a new DTC who do we contact to update the information for my district/charter?

Please have the new District/Charter Test Coordinator complete the DTC form and submit it to the KEAInbox@azed.gov. The information will then be updated within our system to reflect the change.



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What is the assessment window for the 2023-2024 school year?

For Fall teachers should complete the KEA Survey for the beginning 45 calendar days. If a child is enrolled after the Fall period, the child will need to be assessed within 45 calendar days of the corresponding period.

Period	Start Date	End Date	Checkpoint Due Date
Fall	07/01/2023	10/06/2023	10/06/2023
Winter	10/07/2023	02/02/2024	02/02/2024
Spring	02/03/2024	06/07/2024	06/07/2024

Will the 16 required objectives for assessing change for the 2023-2024 school year?

No, not currently. The 16 required objectives [here](#) are post on the KEA website under KEA Resources.

Do I need to submit anything directly to ADE to confirm that my district/charter has completed the requirement?

No, ADE will receive a final file from TSG.

What if a child enrolls in the middle or after the initial 45 days of school?

The law states the student must be administered or rated using the KEA. LEA may want to confirm to see if the student has already been rated in another AZ LEA.

Is the requirement 45 calendar days or 45 business days?

45 calendar days



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If a child transfers from another district/charter from within the state and has already been assessed does the receiving school need to assess that child again?

District/Charter admin will complete the Teaching Strategies GOLD Student Transfer form and send it to KEAInbox@azed.gov

How can a district/charter know if an incoming kindergarten student has already been assessed for the KEA by their previous district/charter?

They can contact the LEA from which the student was previously enrolled or follow the new KEA Transfer Guidance (Coming Soon)

Does a teacher need to assess students' multiple times throughout the year?

No, the KEA requires that a student is administered the evaluation tool at the beginning of the school year or upon arriving and enrolling in an AZ Local Education Agency (District or Charter).

Teaching Strategies GOLD (TSG) Platform:

How do I gain access into the TSG platform?

If you are a DTC, you will contact the KEAInbox to request account set-up. If you are a teacher, you will contact your districts DTC for an account to be created.

I have access, but I do not see any of my program's information, who do I contact?

If you are an administrator, you can contact KEAInbox@azed.gov. Someone from the team will look into your account to ensure you have the correct level of access.

Where can I find guidance on program set up?

Guidance can be found on the Teaching Strategies Support Portal or the kindergarten webpage under My Teaching Strategies GOLD section.



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Who do I contact if I receive an error message when doing a bulk upload of students into the system?

System error inquiries can be sent AZKEA@teachingstrategies.com

I have an account, but I am only seeing preschool information, what do I do?

Contact AZKEA@teachingstrategies.com

I need access to both preschool and kindergarten in TSG, who do I contact to gain access?

Please send an email to KEAInbox@azed.gov to request access under both licenses.

How will I know my teachers completed the assessment?

Administrators can run the Assessment Status report in the TSG platform to verify each classrooms status.

My teachers said they completed the assessment, but the Assessment Status report displays 0%.

To ensure the data is captured under the Assessment Status report for the 2022-2023 school year please ensure they have completed the Checkpoint area within the platform.

How does a teacher finalize data in the checkpoint?

Teachers can follow this Quick Guide on completing the checkpoint for the 2022-2023 school year.

I cannot see the KEA button on the ribbon menu within the TSG platform.

The KEA Survey button will appear in the platform for teachers at the start of the 2023-2024 school year.



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Is there a recommended time frame to begin archiving students from the 2022-2023 school year?

LEAs should archive students on their last day of school or June 1 of each school year.

What are the dates for each checkpoint period for students who are enrolled after the initial 45 days to ensure we are assessing them during the correct checkpoint period?

Period	Start Date	End Date	Checkpoint Due Date
Fall	07/01/2023	10/06/2023	10/06/2023
Winter	10/07/2023	02/02/2024	02/02/2024
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Is documentation required to assess the students or is this optional?

Uploading additional documentation or evidence is not required. Teachers are only required to rate each student on the 16 dimensions.

Who is responsible for importing students into the TSG platform?

The LEA either the district test coordinator or school can import students into the platform. ADE will not be uploading any students.

My program completed the 2022-2023 assessment under the wrong checkpoint period. What do I do?

Teaching Strategies will extract data from all periods of the 2022-2023 school year to ensure all data has been captured.

If a student disenrolls before the KEA can be completed what should the district/charter do?

If the student enrolls in another AZ LEA, then the student should be transferred. Transfer guidance coming soon.



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Trainings:

Where can I register for KEA trainings?

Trainings open for registration can be found on the [Kindergarten website](#).

Are there any future trainings scheduled for summer?

Yes, all available trainings can be found on the [Kindergarten website](#).

What trainings are required for teachers?

All Kindergarten teachers administering the KEA are required to participate in either the 3 hour live virtual training, or the 3-hour asynchronous training.

If I took the 6-hour training, do I need to also take the 3hr training?

No. The 6-hour training will satisfy the need to be trained on the KEA.

If I took the agnostic tool trainings that were offered before Fall 2022, do I need to take the current training?

Yes. The agnostic trainings offered before Fall 2022 were geared toward the understanding of the formative assessment process. Current live trainings are focused on the TSG platform and how to complete the KEA.

Can teachers take the asynchronous trainings instead of the live 3-hour training?

Yes, teachers can take the asynchronous training instead of the live 3-hour virtual training.

How do teachers access the asynchronous trainings?

A link is posted on the [Kindergarten website](#) under KEA Trainings Tab.



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My district is familiar with Teaching Strategies GOLD will we still need to attend a training?

Yes, this training is specific to the KEA.

Will teachers need to complete the interrater reliability test within the system?

It is not required but recommended.

Will new training be required for each school year?

ADE has not made the final determination on future requirements for training.

Do I need a TSG account prior to attending the live training?

An account is not needed to attend training, but participants may find value in having their account available during the training.

Webinar Information

How do I view this recorded webinar? If I attended the live event, how do I obtain a professional development certificate?

The recorded webinar and the PowerPoint slides are posted on the Kindergarten section website at <https://www.azed.gov/ece/kindergarten> under the “Recorded Webinars” dropdown. If you attended the live webinar, you can access your certificate through your account in the new ADE Professional Learning & Development system.