TRANSITIONING PRESCHOOL STUDENTS WITHIN THE LAUSD



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Agenda

- Transitioning Preschool Students
 - ✓ The Classroom Team Assessment Report (CTAR) 2016
 - ✓ The Desired Results Developmental Profile (DRDP) 2015
- Developmental Delay (DD) Re-evaluations



Transitioning Preschool Students

Why is the transition to kindergarten considered a re-assessment or a three-year review?

EC Section 56445. (a) Prior to transitioning an individual with exceptional needs from a preschool program to kindergarten, or first grade as the case may be, an appropriate reassessment of the individual shall be conducted pursuant to Article 2 (commencing with Section 56320) of Chapter 4 to determine if the individual is still in need of special education and services. (Education Code, Part 30, Special Education Programs, Chapter 4.45)

See SPIG 2015-16

Transitioning Preschool Students

Transition procedures for preschool students are led by school based teams who conduct the appropriate reassessments to determine if the individual is still in need of special education and services. These transition teams comprised of the site administrator/designee, special and general education teacher, school psychologist and related services provider(s), review preschool student portfolios, classroom assessments, and student anecdotal records (e.g. existing data). Their findings are recorded in narrative form (e.g. present levels of performance) on pages one through five of the Classroom Team Assessment Report (CTAR) 2016, the primary tool used by school staff to document and assist in the preschool transition process.

Classroom Team Assessment Report (CTAR) 2016

- Pupil Data (Demographic information)
- Teacher Assessment Data (Time Period)
- Sources of Assessment Information (Instruments Used)
- Present Levels of Performance (DRDP 2015)
- Recommendation (to be completed by Psychologist)
- Signatures

Pupil Data & Teacher Assessment Data

LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT Early Childhood Special Education CLASSROOM TEAM ASSESSMENT REPORT

PUPIL DATA						
Name	Last	First	Middle	D.O.B. Mo/Day/Yr	C.A. Yr/Mo	Sex M/F
School of Atte	ndance (Elem, EEC, Head Start)		Scho	ol of Residence		
Home Languag	ge Student La	inguage	Current Eligibility	Classroom Program		
				(PCC, PAL, PSC, etc)		
Other services	s presently received (DIS Services, NPA, I	nclude enrollment in preschool p	program i.e. Head Start, SRLDP, S	State Preschool):		
TEACHER AS	SESSMENT DATA:					
Based on Serv	vice Period 2015-2016 School Year	From to	Mo/Yr			

Sources of Assessment

1. SOURCES OF ASSESSMENT INFORMATION (List specific instruments used):

The Desired Results System is an accountability initiative of the California Department of Education (CDE) developed to determine the effectiveness of its child development and early childhood special education services and programs. The system assures that children enrolled in state-funded preschool programs benefit from those programs. The Special Education Division (SED) implements the Desired Results Assessment System to meet the IDEA statewide assessment requirements and required federal reporting for preschool special education.

	Desired Results Developmental Profile (2013)	Observation
]	Portfolio	Other
]	Parent Interview	Other

Materials and procedures used for assessment and educational planning are selected and administered so as not to be racially, culturally, or sexually discriminatory and are considered valid and reliable for this evaluation. Test scores, when used, are estimates of the ability or skill measured and are combined with other relevant findings for decisions on educational needs.

Desired Results Developmental Profile 2015

2. PRESENT LEVEL OF PERFORMANCE:

The Desired Results Developmental Profile (DRDP) for children encompasses six developmental areas: Cognitive/Academic Development, Literacy, Mathematics, Social/Emotional Development, Language Development, and Physical Development. These developmental areas are reflected and integrated throughout the indicators and measures.

Responding, Exploring, Building, and Integrating represent the expected developmental steps for children ages zero to five. Most typically developing three year olds will have mastered skills at the Exploring Later level of development. The DRDP research shows that most preschoolers will reach the Building Middle level by the end of their preschool years. Children performing at the Responding and Exploring Earlier levels are not yet at the beginning level of typical preschool development. Responding represents emerging skills that precede Exploring and are evidence of the child's progress in relation to the measures.

In completing pages two through seven the team is reporting on current classroom performance in each domain including the child's progress on the Desired Results Measures.

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DRDP 2015 Social Emotional Development

ALIGNMENT OF DRDP 2015 MEASURES AND PRESENT LEVEL OF PERFORMANCE (PLP) AREAS

SOCIAL EMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT

(Indicate the child's current level of performance by making a check in the appropriate box)

											Conditional	
		Respo	nding		Exploring			Building		Integrating	Measure	
Measure	Measure Name	Earlier	Later	Earlier	Middle	Later	Earlier	Middle	Later	Earlier	(Not rated)	Not Yet
ATL-REG 2	Self-Comforting											
ATL-REG 5	Self-Control of Feelings and Behavior											
ATL-REG 7	Shared Use of Space and Materials											
SED 1	Identity of Self in Relation to Others											
SED 2	Social and Emotional Understanding											
SED 3	Relationship and Social Interactions with Familiar Adults											
SED 4	Relationships and Social Interactions with Peers											
HSS 4	Conflict Negotiation											
HSS 5	Responsible Conduct as a Group Member											

Summary of Child's Strengths/Weaknesses in the Social/Emotional Area of the Curriculum:

DRDP 2015 Language Development

LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT

(Indicate the child's current level of performance by making a check in the appropriate box)

											Conditional	
		Respo	nding		Exploring			Building		Integrating	Measure	
Measure	Measure Name	Earlier	Later	Earlier	Middle	Later	Earlier	Middle	Later	Earlier	(Not rated)	Not Yet
LLD 1	Understanding of Language (Receptive)											
LLD 2	Responsiveness to Language											
LLD 3	Communication and Use of Language (Expressive)											
LLD 4	Reciprocal Communication and Conversation											

Summary of Child's Strengths/Weaknesses in the Language Development Area of the Curriculum:

CTAR-DRDP 2015 Physical Development

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PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT

(Indicate the child's current level of performance by making a check in the appropriate box)

											Conditional	
		Respo	nding		Exploring			Building		Integrating	Measure	[
Measure	Measure Name	Earlier	Later	Earlier	Middle	Later	Earlier	Middle	Later	Earlier	(Not rated)	Not Yet
PD-HLTH 1	Perceptual-Motor Skills and Movement Concepts											
PD-HLTH 2	Responsiveness to Language											
PD-HLTH 3	Gross Motor Manipulative Skills											
PD-HLTH 4	Fine Motor Manipulative Skills											
PD-HLTH 9	Active Physical Play											

Summary of Child's Strengths/Weaknesses in the Physical Development Area of the Curriculum:

DRDP 2015 Cognitive Development

COGNITIVE DEVELOPMENT

(Indicate the child's current level of performance by making a check in the appropriate box)

											Conditional	
		Respo	nding		Exploring			Building		Integrating	Measure	
Measure	Measure Name	Earlier	Later	Earlier	Middle	Later	Earlier	Middle	Later	Earlier	(Not rated)	Not Yet
COG 8	Cause and Effect											
COG 9	Inquire Through Observation and Investigation											
COG 10	Documentation and Communication of Inquiry											
COG 11	Knowledge of the Natural World											
ALT-REG 1	Attention Maintenance											
ALT-REG 3	Imitation											
ALT-REG 4	Curiosity and Initiative in Learning											
ALT-REG 6	Engagement and Persistence											
SED 5	Symbolic and Sociodramatic Play											
HSS 1	Sense of Time											
HSS 2	Sense of Place											

Summary of Child's Strengths/Weaknesses in the Cognitive Development Area of the Curriculum:

DRDP 2015 Literacy Development

LITERACY

(Indicate the child's current level of performance by making a check in the appropriate box)

											Conditional	
		Respo	nding		Exploring			Building		Integrating	Measure	
Measure	Measure Name	Earlier	Later	Earlier	Middle	Later	Earlier	Middle	Later	Earlier	(Not rated)	Not Yet
LLD 5	Interest in Literacy											
LLD 6	Comprehension of Age-Appropriate Text											
LLD 7	Concepts About Print											
LLD 8	Phonological Awareness											
LLD 9	Letter and Word Knowledge											
LLD 10	Emergent Writing											

Summary of Child's Strengths/Weaknesses in the Literacy Area of the Curriculum:

DRDP 2015 Mathematics Development

MATHEMATICS

(Indicate the child's current level of performance by making a check in the appropriate box)

		_									Conditional	
		Respo	naing		Exploring			Building		Integrating	Measure	
Measure	Measure Name	Earlier	Later	Earlier	Middle	Later	Earlier	Middle	Later	Earlier	(Not rated)	Not Yet
COG 1	Spatial Relationships											
COG 2	Classification											
COG 3	Number Sense of Quantity											
COG 4	Number Sense of Math Operations											
COG 5	Measurement											
COG 6	Patterning											
COG 7	Shapes											

Summary of Child's Strengths/Weaknesses in the Mathematics Area of the Curriculum:

CTAR – DRDP 2015

Completed by the Case Manager (dependent upon type of program and site of attendance)

- Special Day Classroom Teacher
 - > Students in a SpEd Program on a General Education site PSM/PAL/PSC/PCC/ETK
 - Early Education Center with PCC program
- Preschool Kindergarten Itinerant Teacher (PKIT)
 - > Early Education Center (EEC) without PCC program
 - Private Preschool Students

Recommendation

RECOMMENDATION:

Child may continue to reed special education
Child does not appear to need further special education services
Basis for making this recommendation (Make references to eligibility categories and criteria):
(To be completed by the school psychologist)
Other recommendations(s):
Low Incidence Support (If eligible, identify area of assessed need and recommendation for support):

Recommendation

No Change in Eligibility

If a school team recommends transitioning a student from preschool to kindergarten with no change in eligibility, on the recommendation page of the CTAR (page 6), the school psychologist will "check the box" and indicate that the student, "may continue to need special education services." Present levels of performance (PLP) data and educational need will then be adapted from the CTAR onto a Welligent IEP form so that an IEP can be held and appropriate eligibility and placement decisions made.

See SPIG 2015-16

Recommendation SAMPLE 1 (No Change in Eligibility)

R	ECOM	MENDATION:
		Child may continue to need special education Child does not appear to need further Special education services
		Basis for making this recommendation (Make references to eligibility categories and criteria): (To be completed by the school psychologist)
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	-	Based on teacher rating and teacher report Akeem continues to exhibit delays in social emotional functioning and language that are characteristic of an Autism Spectrum Disorder.
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	_	Other recommendations(s):
		Low Incidence Support (If eligible, identify area of assessed need and recommendation for support):
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Recommendation

May Require a Change in Eligibility

If a school team determines that a preschool student may require a change in eligibility criteria for special education services (e.g. SLI to SLD, DD to AUT, etc.), an assessment plan must be developed. On the recommendation page of the CTAR (page 6), the school psychologist will "check the box" and indicate that the student, "may continue to need special education."

Under, "other recommendation(s)" on page 6, the school psychologist will add a statement that clarifies the need for additional assessment. After the assessment is completed, an IEP will be held and appropriate eligibility and placement decisions made. **Note – DD Re-evaluations should be done concurrently to the three year review/kindergarten transition

Recommendation SAMPLE 2 (May Require a Change in Eligibility)

RECOMMENDATION:

3	Child may continue to reed special education
	Child does not appear to need further special education services

Basis for making this recommendation (Make references to eligibility categories and criteria): (To be completed by the school psychologist)

Given that Maria will be matriculating to kindergarten, the eligibility of Developmental Delay is no longer considered appropriate based upon current California Education Code and LAUSD policy. Based on CTAR ratings, Maria continues to demonstrate deficits in language and social interaction, which impact her educational access.

Other recommendations(s):

Maria requires an assessment to determine her learning style and present level of performance in cognitive ability, language, motor, social-emotional, and pre-academic skills, to appropriately determine continued eligibility for special education supports.

Low Incidence Support (If eligible, identify area of assessed need and recommendation for support):

Recommendation

No Longer Appears to Meet Eligibility Criteria

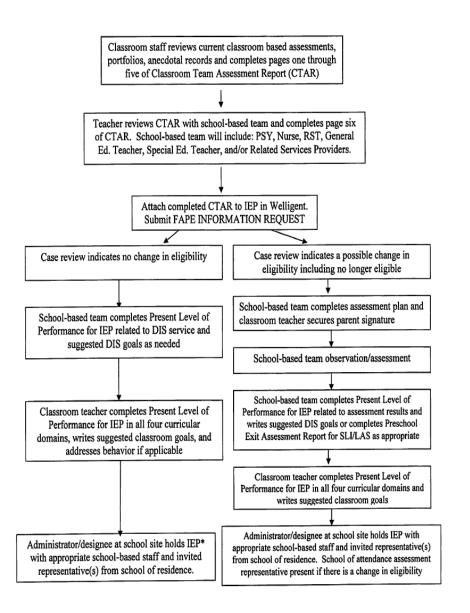
If a school team agrees that the preschool student may no longer meet eligibility criteria for special education and related services, an assessment plan must be developed. On the recommendation page of the CTAR (page 6), the school psychologist will "check the box" and indicate that the student, "does not appear to need further special education services." An assessment shall be completed that meets the requirements of the law. After the assessment is completed, an IEP will be held and appropriate eligibility and placement decisions made (e.g., not eligible for the following disabilities, etc.).

See SPIG 2015-16

Recommendation SAMPLE 3 (No Longer Appears to Meet Eligibility Criteria)

RECOM	MENDATION:
	Child may continue to need special education
\boxtimes	Child does not appear to need further Special education services
	Basis for making this recommendation (Make references to eligibility categories and criteria): (To be completed by the school psychologist)
	Based on CTAR ratings, Allen appears to be demonstrating age-appropriate skills in social-
	emotional, language, cognitive ability, and physical development.
	Other recommendations(s): Allen requires an assessment to determine his learning style and
	present levels of performance in overall cognitive ability, language, motor, social-emotional,
	and pre-academic skills.
	Low Incidence Support (If eligible, identify area of assessed need and recommendation for support):

Decision Tree



CTAR — Signatures

SIGNATURES: Reviewers of the Classroom Team Assessment Report should check the appropriate box, sign and date below.

Site Administrator/Designee:		/	
•	Name		Date
Special Education Teacher:		/	
	Name	_	Date
General Education Preschool Teacher:		/	
	Name		Date
General Education Kindergarten Teacher:		/	
	Name		Date
Related Services:		/	
	Name		Date
Psychologist:		/	
	Name		Date
RST:		/	
	Name		Date
Other:		/	
	Name		Date
Other:		/	
	Name		Date

For students with an eligibility of DD, a comprehensive psycho-educational evaluation will take place **prior to the student's kindergarten year.**

If a child, under extenuating circumstances, maintains eligibility for special education under the category of Developmental Delay (DD) post-preschool (e.g., kindergarten or first grade), it is the site psychologist's responsibility to conduct a re-evaluation as soon as possible, but no later than the child's next IEP due date.

School psychologists are responsible for DD re-evaluations for students attending the elementary school-based preschool programs, Early Education Center programs, or attending a private preschool and residing within LAUSD boundaries.

See SPIG 2014-15

Consider the Reason for Referral

- What areas were initially identified as delayed? (cognitive, physical & motor, communication, social or emotional, or adaptive behavior)
- What other eligibilities were explored at the time of initial assessment?
- What are the present challenges that the child is exhibiting?

Assessment of Cognitive Ability/Processing

- Mullen Scales of Early Learning
 (birth to 68 months OR 5 years, 8 months)
- Cognitive Assessment System, 2nd Ed. (CAS-2)
 (5 years to 18 years, 11 months) generally cannot be used
- Southern California Ordinal Scales (SCOSD)

 (all ages)
- Developmental Test of Kindergarten Readiness, 2nd Ed. (DTKR-2)
 (4 years, 6 months 6 years, 2 months)
- Other Processing Tests (as appropriate)

Consideration of School Readiness/Pre-Academics

Informal Measures

- Review of Records (the DRDP 2015) see Case Manager
- Teacher Interview/Checklist (see handout)
- Observation

Formal Measure

- The Developmental Test of Kindergarten Readiness, 2nd Ed. (DTKR-2; 4 years, 6 months – 6 years, 2 months)
- The Bracken School Readiness Assessment, 3rd Ed.
 (BSRA-3; 3 years, 0 months 6 years, 11 months)

Assessment of Social Emotional/Adaptive Behavior

- Observation
- Teacher/Parent Interview
- Rating Scales as appropriate given the referral concerns & the suspected areas of eligibility
- The Developmental Profile, 3rd Edition (DP-3)
 Physical, Adaptive Behavior, Cognitive (School Readiness),
 Social-Emotional, & Communication

**More in-depth adaptive behavior rating scales used be utilized when considering Intellectual Disability (ID)