


READY FOR KINDERGARTEN! SURVEY 2018-2019

Fast Facts

 <p>WHAT IS THE R4KIS?</p> <p>The 2018-19 Ready for Kindergarten! Survey (R4KIS) is collected annually to aid in the identification of new Kindergarten students as “ready.”</p>	<p>WHAT CONSTITUTES “READINESS”?</p> <p>Vermont’s concept of children’s readiness is multidimensional; it includes social and emotional development, communication, physical health, as well as cognitive development, knowledge, and approaches to learning. Vermont’s concept also reflects the belief that “school readiness” is interactional: children need to be ready for schools, and schools need to be ready to accommodate the diverse needs of each and every child.</p>
<p>THE R4KIS CONSISTS OF 34 ITEMS ACROSS THE FOLLOWING DOMAINS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Physical Development and Health ○ Social and Emotional Development ○ Approaches to Learning ○ Communication ○ Cognitive Development <p>Kindergarten teachers are required to rate each child’s skills as “beginning,” “practicing,” or “performing independently” on 28 items in addition to six additional questions related to health and well-being.</p>	<p>WHAT R4KIS IS NOT</p> <p>The R4KIS is not a direct assessment of children; rather it relies on the accumulated observational knowledge the teacher has developed about the child during the first few weeks of kindergarten. The R4KIS was substantially revised for the 2015-16 school year. 2018-19 marks the third year of data collection for the current R4KIS version. The R4KIS should not be used to make comparisons between this years’ R4KIS data and years previous to 2015-16.</p>
<p>HOW TO DETERMINE APPROPRIATE RATINGS</p> <p>K teachers can use the R4KIS Rating Rubric to help select the most appropriate response for each survey item for each student. For assistance completing the R4KIS, check out our series of online informational training modules on the Early Childhood Assessment web page.</p>	<p>R4KIS FINAL RESULTS REPORT INCLUDE:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Readiness and Average Total Score: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Number ready, percent ready, average total score ➤ Readiness rating groups: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Number and % of students in each of the 4 new categories of readiness ✓ Number and percent ready ➤ Domain Scores (Calculated for comparative purposes only, not for readiness determination): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Average score each domain ✓ Average score total of all domains ➤ Comparison of Readiness Scores--Free and Reduced Lunch (FRL) Eligible Students with Non-FRL Eligible Students.
<p>4 CATEGORIES OF READINESS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Not Yet Ready <input type="checkbox"/> Approaching Ready <input type="checkbox"/> Ready and Practicing <input type="checkbox"/> Ready and Performing Independently 	
<p>SCORING AND READINESS CALCULATIONS</p> <p>Using the four Categories of Readiness above, students whose Total Scores fall into categories of “Ready and Practicing,” and “Ready and Performing Independently” are identified as ready.</p>	