



## KIDS Supports Students' Success

- The Kindergarten Individual Development Survey (KIDS) is an observational tool designed to improve understanding of the developmental readiness of children entering kindergarten.
- KIDS will be implemented for the first time in school districts statewide in 2017-18.
- KIDS measures kindergarten students' development across four important learning domains — Approaches to Learning and Self-Regulation, Social and Emotional Development, Language and Literacy Development, and Math.
- KIDS is validated, informed by research, and aligned with state learning standards.

## KIDS Was Created By Educators For Kids

- Children enter kindergarten with a variety of backgrounds and early childhood experiences. Educators have long recognized that an estimated 90 percent of brain development happens in the first five years of life, but there is no consistent measure of each student's development.
- A planning committee of early childhood advocates, educators, elementary teachers and administrators, child development specialists, and Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) staff members partnered in 2010 with WestEd Center for Child and Family Studies to develop KIDS.
- KIDS has been piloted across the state since 2012, engaging more than 50,000 children. The pilot has informed updates and adjustments to improve the tool in advance of statewide implementation in fall 2017.

## KIDS Helps Kids, Families, Teachers, and Administrators Learn

- Children will engage in play-based learning -- without interruption in their education -- while teachers observe behaviors and interactions and collect work samples.
- Families will receive information about their child's individual development and ideas for fun activities they can do at home.
- Teachers will have a better understanding of each student's development at the beginning of kindergarten and can tailor instruction to best meet the needs of students throughout the year.
- Local school districts and ISBE will have a snapshot of strengths and challenges in early childhood development at the local and state levels.
- KIDS data will inform local school districts and ISBE decision-making on support and resource allocation necessary for all kids in Illinois to succeed.

## KIDS Information

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