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Pre-Kindergarten

Assessment Guide

Memphis-Shelby County Schools

Division of Early Childhood

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Introduction

New Rationale

This guide provides an overview of the new Memphis-Shelby County Schools' Pre-Kindergarten report card and instructions for evaluating the skills. The new report card has been redesigned to correlate with the Brigance IED III and will be used to assess student progress in a consistent fashion throughout the system.

Report Card Skills

Students will be assessed on the foundational literacy, math, social emotional, and physical skills that are taught daily as outlined in the TNELDS and Brigance IED III. Most skills will be assessed in real-time through the collection of observational anecdotal notes throughout the instructional day, including gross motor outdoor play/transitions, and the collection of student works samples, in which teachers will use as artifacts to support the report card marking. Each grading period, artifacts should be filed within the "Education Section 2" of every student file notebook. Other skills will be formatively assessed, using the resources provided in this packet and the Brigance IED III manual (yellow binder).

New Report Card Marking Codes

The new marking code assigns numbers and uses verbiage aligned to the state assessment to define the students' performance level.

KEY PERFORMANCE LEVELS		
4	Exemplary	Student demonstrates an advanced understanding of concepts, skills and processes taught in this reporting period. Exceeds the required performance.
3	Proficient	Student consistently demonstrates an understanding of concepts, skills and processes taught in this reporting period, independently
2	Developing	Student is not yet consistent in demonstrating an understanding of concepts, skills, and processes taught in this reporting period, even with support
1	Emerging	Student does not demonstrate an understanding of grade level concepts, skills and processes taught in this reporting period, even with support
X	Not Assessed	Absence of a score indicates an area not yet assessed

In the comment section of the report card, the teacher should put a "glow" statement (something positive) and "grow" statement (something that can be improved). The report card will be sent home in an envelope with each student every nine weeks. **The teacher should make a copy of each report card before sending it home each time.** It should be signed by the parent/guardian and returned to school. Report card envelopes can be ordered from the MSCS (Memphis Shelby County Schools) warehouse. Refer to the Pre-Kindergarten Curriculum Maps and/or the MSCS website for dates to send report cards home.

Because the same skills are assessed each quarter, when a new student enters the program after the first nine weeks of school, that student should receive in the missed grading period the same marking as the marking for the current grading period.

This guide contains the following sections:

Pre-Kindergarten Yearly Skills: This resource provides information on report card skills tested for the entire year. This resource is provided in both English and Spanish.

Report Card Template: Both pages of the MSCS Pre-K Report Card are found here. The Report Card template should be copied for distribution to all families. This resource is provided in both English and Spanish.

Assessment Guidance and Procedures: This section provides detailed instructions on how to assess all tested skills for each 9-week grading period.

Report Card Skills Checklists: These checklists can be used to track students' mastery of tested skills throughout each 9-week grading period.

Resource Section: This section provides a variety of resources that help you introduce and assess particular skills. You will find references to the resource section for noted skills in the assessment procedures section.

Student Skills Record Sheet: This section contains reproducible materials for facilitating assessments. You will find references to the student skills record sheet for noted skills in the assessment procedures section. Each grading period, a copy of the record sheet should be filed within the "Education" section of every student file notebook.

All these resources can also be found in the "Assessments" section on the Pre-K website.