

PHASE ONE

Early Childhood
Program Self-Assessment
Kindergarten



Early Childhood Program Self-Assessment

In 2017, the Texas Education Agency (TEA) developed and disseminated our High-Quality Prekindergarten Self-Assessment (now known as the Early Childhood Program Self-Assessment) to support school districts and charter schools. The Early Childhood Program Self-Assessment was designed for district-level personnel to evaluate the prekindergarten portion of their early childhood program. There were no requirements or expectations regarding the submission of evaluation scores back to the TEA. We simply asked that the tool be used and that districts/charter schools provide feedback to help us make future iterations even more effective. We were thrilled to receive over 200 suggestions for possible revisions!

Your suggestions helped us create a new version of the Early Childhood Program Self-Assessment for Prekindergarten (Phase 2) and we applied many of those suggestions to the development of the new Early Childhood Program Self-Assessment for kindergarten as well. As promised, both of the aforementioned program self-assessment tools will be posted online in September of 2018.

Research shows that children who attend high-quality prekindergarten programs obtain better outcomes and are better prepared for school and life. We hope this program self-assessment tool will assist you as you analyze your program and plan for next steps in continuous quality improvement. The TEA Early Childhood Division is here to answer your questions, provide technical assistance, and help you plan for your program. Please do not hesitate to contact us using the contact information on the last page of this program self-assessment tool. In the spring of 2019, we will contact you to solicit your feedback based on your experience in utilizing the program self-assessment tool. We hope you will assist us in ensuring that future iterations accurately reflect viewpoints from all over Texas.

Thanks for all that you do to help our youngest learners succeed!

Regards,

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Overview

The Early Childhood Program Self-Assessment was created to assist administrators in evaluating their early childhood programs and making program adjustments to meet the needs of all students.

What It Is

- A means of internal reflection and evaluation of current practices
- A voluntary method to identify areas of strength and opportunities for growth
- A process to measure the extent to which growth has occurred
- A tool to inform continuous improvement









What It Is Not

- A system of scoring, grading or labeling a program
- A tool used to publicly compare or judge kindergarten programs
- A kindergarten staff evaluation tool
- A means of comparing individual kindergarten sites within a school district/charter

Early Childhood Program Self-Assessment Guide

A self-assessment guide is available to support local education agencies (LEAs) in utilizing the program evaluation tool. The guide provides definitions, explanations, resources, and other helpful information. The program self-assessment guide can be found at <https://tea.texas.gov/WorkArea/DownloadAsset.aspx?id=51539625721>.

Quality Components and Strategies

Component	Strategies	Component	Strategies
 <p>Access / Enrollment</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Outreach Strategies ✓ Enrollment Plan ✓ Enrollment Process 	 <p>Learning Environments</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Physical Arrangement ✓ Link to Classroom Instruction ✓ Procedures and Routines ✓ Supporting Student Behavior ✓ Daily Schedule ✓ Classroom Displays ✓ Outdoor Environment
 <p>Administrative and Teaching Staff</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Teacher Qualifications ✓ Teacher Evaluations ✓ Teacher Professional Development ✓ Coaching and Mentoring ✓ Administrator Professional Development ✓ Leading Continuous Improvement 	 <p>Family Engagement</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Family Engagement Plan ✓ Communication Practices ✓ Inclusive Family Engagement Policy ✓ Family Conferences and/or Home Visits ✓ Reporting Student Progress ✓ Program Expectations ✓ Attendance Plan ✓ On-Campus Opportunities ✓ Participation ✓ Support to Parents
 <p>Curriculum</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Curriculum ✓ Scope and Sequence ✓ Curricular Integration ✓ Vertical Alignment ✓ Horizontal Alignment 	 <p>Transitions</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Shared Professional Development ✓ Collaborative Meetings with Early Care and Education Providers ✓ Sharing Student Data ✓ Family Transition Strategies ✓ Transition Plan
 <p>Instruction</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Instructional Activities ✓ Instructional Settings ✓ Supporting Special Populations ✓ Students with Special Needs ✓ Teacher Interactions with Students ✓ Supporting the Whole Child 		
 <p>Assessment</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Formative Assessment ✓ Use of Assessment Instrument ✓ Data-Driven Practices ✓ Family Input ✓ Referrals/Intervention 		

Instructions

The program self-assessment presents rubrics that outline indicators for three levels of quality for each strategy within each quality component. Complete the program evaluation tool by reading the indicators and selecting the indicator that best describes your program. Utilize the results from the tool to create a continuous improvement plan. A continuous improvement plan template is provided in the Early Childhood Program Self-Assessment Guide.

Step 1. Read the indicators at each level

Step 2. Circle the indicator that best describes your kindergarten program

Example

Kindergarten teachers in a school district send out weekly newsletters to inform families of the concepts and skills their child will be learning that week. The district has provided a template for teachers to use.

Strategies	Developing	Proficient	Exemplary
Communication Practices	LEA provides guidance and supports to teachers to ensure that teachers communicate about classroom activities and curricular goals with families.	LEA provides guidance and supports to teachers to ensure that teachers communicate weekly about classroom activities and curricular goals with families.	LEA provides guidance and supports to teachers to ensure that teachers communicate weekly about classroom activities and curricular goals through multiple modes of communication with families.

Step 3. Compile results using the chart on page 17

Step 4. Identify strengths, opportunities for growth, and next steps for continuous improvement on page 18

Step 5. Use results to create a continuous improvement plan (template is provided in the program self-assessment guide)



Access / Enrollment

Strategies	Developing	Proficient	Exemplary
Outreach Strategies	LEA utilizes one family or caregiver outreach activity to notify families or caregivers of the enrollment period and documentation needed for enrollment.	LEA utilizes two family or caregiver outreach activities to notify families or caregivers of the enrollment period and documentation needed for enrollment.	LEA utilizes three or more family or caregiver outreach activities to notify families or caregivers of the enrollment period and documentation needed for enrollment.
Enrollment Plan	Enrollment plan varies from campus to campus within an LEA.	LEA implements an enrollment plan across all campuses that addresses all steps for completing kindergarten enrollment, includes an annual enrollment day/week and provides enrollment information to families in a manner they can understand.	LEA implements an enrollment plan across all campuses that addresses all steps for completing kindergarten enrollment, includes an annual enrollment day/week with extended hours to accommodate families' schedules and provides enrollment information to families in a manner they can understand.
Enrollment Process	Enrollment process varies from campus to campus within an LEA. The enrollment process may take multiple visits to complete .	LEA implements an enrollment process that enables families to complete enrollment in one visit .	LEA implements an enrollment process that enables families to complete enrollment in one visit . LEA provides assistance, when needed, to acquire the necessary documentation (e.g. birth certificate).



Administrative and Teaching Staff

Strategies	Developing	Proficient	Exemplary
Teacher Qualifications		LEA ensures that all kindergarten teachers are appropriately certified according to their teaching assignment.	
Teacher Evaluations	LEA ensures that teaching staff are evaluated annually using multiple sources of data, including data that captures and reflects staff's ability to address all student needs.	LEA ensures that teaching staff are evaluated annually using multiple sources of data, including data that captures and reflects staff's ability to address all student needs. LEA uses evaluation data to inform continuous improvement efforts.	LEA ensures that teaching staff are evaluated annually using multiple sources of data, including data that captures and reflects staff's ability to address all student needs. LEA uses evaluation data to inform continuous improvement efforts. An early childhood specific research-based evaluation tool (e.g. CLI-COT, ERS, CLASS, etc.) is consistently used to supplement the LEA's teacher evaluation tool.
Teacher Professional Development	LEA ensures some of the professional development activities offered to kindergarten teachers are early-childhood-specific.	LEA ensures most of the professional development activities offered to kindergarten teachers are early-childhood-specific.	LEA ensures most of the professional development activities offered to kindergarten teachers are early-childhood-specific and connected to needs identified by student progress monitoring data, teacher evaluation results and teacher's ability to address all student needs.
Coaching and Mentoring	LEA ensures some of the kindergarten teachers receive coaching and mentoring.	LEA ensures most of the kindergarten teachers receive coaching and mentoring.	LEA ensures all of the kindergarten teachers receive coaching and mentoring.
Administrator Professional Development	Campus- and LEA-level administrators overseeing early childhood programs do not attend early-childhood-specific professional development activities.	Campus- and LEA-level administrators overseeing early childhood programs participate annually in one early-childhood-specific professional development activity.	Campus- and LEA-level administrators overseeing early childhood programs participate annually in at least two early-childhood-specific professional development activities.
Leading Continuous Improvement	LEA has structures in place to assist administrators in routinely monitoring progress towards increasing positive child outcomes.	LEA has structures in place to assist administrators in routinely monitoring progress towards increasing positive child outcomes and the quality of the kindergarten program.	LEA has structures in place to assist administrators in routinely monitoring progress towards increasing positive child outcomes and the quality of the kindergarten program. LEA assists campuses in making program adjustments throughout the school year based on monitoring.



Curriculum

Strategies	Developing	Proficient	Exemplary
Curriculum	LEA's kindergarten curriculum aligns with all of the Kindergarten Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) and English Language Proficiency Standards (ELPS). A fully aligned curriculum in the student's primary language is provided for English Learners served through bilingual education.	LEA 's kindergarten curriculum aligns with the entirety of the TEKS for all content areas, including the introduction , and ELPS. LEA's curriculum provides supports for English Learners and children with special needs. A fully aligned curriculum in the student's primary language is provided for English Learners served through bilingual education.	LEA 's kindergarten curriculum is aligns with the entirety of the TEKS for all content areas, including the introduction , and ELPS. LEA's curriculum provide supports for English Learners and children with special needs. A fully aligned curriculum in the student's primary language is provided for English Learners served through bilingual education. The effectiveness of the curriculum is evaluated annually.
Scope and Sequence	LEA-wide Scope and Sequence is developed and implemented to ensure most kindergarten TEKS are introduced, reinforced, and practiced within the kindergarten year.	LEA-wide Scope and Sequence is developed and implemented to ensure all kindergarten TEKS are introduced, reinforced, and practiced within the kindergarten year.	LEA-wide Scope and Sequence is developed, implemented and evaluated annually to verify that all kindergarten TEKS are introduced, reinforced, and practiced within the kindergarten year.
Curricular Integration	LEA provides teachers with resources to support curricular integration across most of the foundation curriculum content areas.	LEA provides teachers with resources to support curricular integration across all foundation curriculum content areas and most of the enrichment curriculum content areas.	LEA provides teachers with resources to support curricular integration across all foundation curriculum content areas, most of the enrichment curriculum content areas and in all learning centers.
Vertical Alignment	Strong, consistent vertical alignment across prekindergarten to grade 3 curriculum and instruction (monolingual and bilingual) is achieved through an annual joint planning meeting to understand what is taught, how it is taught and how it is assessed at each grade level.	Strong, consistent vertical alignment across prekindergarten to grade 3 curriculum and instruction (monolingual and bilingual) is achieved through two joint planning meetings annually to understand what is taught, how it is taught and how it is assessed at each grade level.	Strong, consistent vertical alignment across prekindergarten to grade 3 curriculum and instruction (monolingual and bilingual) is achieved through three joint planning meetings annually to understand what is taught, how it is taught and how it is assessed at each grade level.
Horizontal Alignment	Teachers' planning meetings support horizontal alignment of the curriculum and instruction between kindergarten classrooms.	Teachers' planning meetings support horizontal alignment of the curriculum and instruction between kindergarten classrooms as evidenced by common curricular goals, themes/units/projects, routines and schedules.	Teachers' planning meetings support horizontal alignment of the curriculum and instruction between kindergarten classrooms as evidenced by common curricular goals, themes/units/projects, routines and schedules. Planning meetings include a review of assessment data.



Instruction

Strategies	Developing	Proficient	Exemplary
Instructional Activities	LEA provides support to teachers in the use of the kindergarten curriculum to implement activities that introduce, reinforce and practice new concepts and skills within the theme/unit/project.	LEA provides support to teachers in the use of the kindergarten curriculum to plan and implement activities that introduce, reinforce and practice new concepts and skills within the theme/unit/project.	LEA provides support to teachers in the use of the kindergarten curriculum to plan, implement and evaluate activities that introduce, reinforce and practice new concepts and skills within the theme/unit/project.
Instructional Settings	LEA supports that the majority of daily instruction occurs through small group instruction, individualized instruction and learning centers that maximize student choice in both indoor and outdoor contexts.	LEA supports and ensures that the majority of daily instruction occurs through small group instruction, individualized instruction and learning centers that maximize student choice in both indoor and outdoor contexts.	LEA supports and ensures that the majority of daily instruction occurs through small group instruction, individualized instruction and learning centers that maximize student choice and utilize student interests in both indoor and outdoor contexts.
Supporting Special Populations	LEA provides supports to teachers for differentiating instruction for English Learners and providing appropriate accommodations and modifications for students with special needs.	LEA provides supports, including written supports , to teachers for differentiating instruction for English Learners and providing appropriate accommodations and modifications for students with special needs.	LEA provides supports, including written supports, and ensures teachers differentiate instruction for English Learners and provide appropriate accommodations and modifications for students with special needs.
Students with Special Needs	Special education services within the LEA are available, but limited to one educational environment .	Special education services within the LEA are available and offered across a continuum of services based on the individual needs of the student .	Special education services within the LEA are available and offered across a continuum of services based on the individual needs of the student. The continuum of services is evaluated at least annually .
Teacher Interactions with Students	LEA provides supports to teachers in spending equal interaction time with students addressing student behavior and supporting and scaffolding learning .	LEA provides supports and ensures teachers spend equal interaction time with students addressing student behavior and supporting and scaffolding learning .	LEA provides supports and ensures teachers spend the majority of interaction time with students supporting and scaffolding learning .
Supporting the Whole Child	LEA provides supports and resources to ensure play and hands-on activities are intentionally used daily to support all foundation curriculum content areas .	LEA provides supports and resources to ensure play and hands-on activities are intentionally used daily to support all foundation curriculum content areas and most of the enrichment curriculum content areas .	LEA provides supports and resources to ensure play and hands-on activities are intentionally used daily to support all foundation curriculum content areas, most of the enrichment curriculum content areas and the developmental needs of all students .



Assessment

Strategies	Developing	Proficient	Exemplary
Formative Assessment	LEA ensures that formative assessments are embedded throughout the school year to assess student progress in all foundation curriculum content areas .	LEA ensures formative assessments are embedded throughout the school year to assess student progress in all foundation curriculum content areas. Formative assessments are developmentally, linguistically and culturally appropriate.	LEA ensures multiple forms of formative assessments are embedded throughout the school year to assess student progress in all foundation curriculum content areas. Formative assessments are developmentally, linguistically and culturally appropriate.
Use of Assessment Instrument	LEA ensures an assessment instrument from the Commissioner's List is utilized twice a year with all students.	LEA provides supports and ensures an assessment instrument from the Commissioner's List is utilized twice a year with all students.	LEA provides supports and ensures an assessment instrument from the Commissioner's List is utilized three times a year with all students.
Data-Driven Practices	LEA provides written guidance to teachers on how to use assessment data to inform instruction to better meet the developmental and linguistic needs of all students.	LEA provides written guidance and supports to teachers on how to use assessment data to inform instruction to better meet the developmental and linguistic needs of all students.	LEA provides written guidance and supports to teachers on how to use assessment data to inform instruction to better meet the developmental and linguistic needs of all students. LEA has a process to ensure instruction is driven by data.
Family Input	LEA requires teachers to involve families as partners in the assessment of their child's development once during the school year.	LEA requires and supports teachers to involve families as partners in the assessment of their child's development once during the school year.	LEA requires and supports teachers to involve families as partners in the assessment of their child's development twice during the school year.
Referrals/ Intervention	LEA has a process to ensure that data from student assessments are used to make referrals for those students who may need intervention services.	LEA has a process to ensure that data from student assessments are used to make referrals for those students who may need intervention services. Teachers and administrators receive annual updates on how to implement the process.	LEA has a process to ensure that data from student assessments are used to make referrals for those students who may need intervention services. Teachers and administrators receive annual updates on how to implement the process. Consistent follow up is done to make sure student needs are addressed.



Learning Environments

Strategies	Developing	Proficient	Exemplary
Physical Arrangement	LEA provides guidance to teachers in creating their kindergarten classroom environment that is well equipped with space and materials (space available for large group, small group and individual activities) with at least 7 learning centers (multiple materials in each) and is accessible to all students regardless of abilities or primary language.	LEA provides guidance, resources and supports to teachers in creating their kindergarten classroom environment that is well equipped with space and materials (space available for large group, small group and individual activities) with at least 7 learning centers (multiple materials in each) and is accessible to all students regardless of abilities or primary language.	LEA provides guidance, resources and supports to teachers and systematically ensures that the kindergarten classroom environment is well equipped with space and materials (space available for large group, small group and individual activities) with at least 7 learning centers (multiple materials in each) and is accessible to all students regardless of abilities or primary language.
Link to Classroom Instruction	LEA provides teachers with guidance for evaluating the materials and environmental print in the learning centers monthly and adjust materials as necessary to maintain and/or enhance student interest and support curricular content.	LEA provides teachers with guidance and supports for evaluating the materials and environmental print in the learning centers monthly and adjust materials as necessary to maintain and/or enhance student interest and support curricular content.	LEA provides teachers with guidance and supports for evaluating the materials and environmental print in the learning centers monthly and adjust materials as necessary to maintain and/or enhance student interest and support curricular content. LEA provides materials to teachers to ensure diversity of the students (e.g. race, gender, language, etc.) in the classroom is represented.
Procedures and Routines	LEA provides guidance to teachers in implementing procedures and routines designed to maximize instructional time and support student independence and self-regulation.	LEA provides guidance and supports to teachers in implementing procedures and routines designed to maximize instructional time and support student independence and self-regulation.	LEA provides guidance and supports to teachers and systematically ensures that procedures and routines designed to maximize instructional time and support student independence and self-regulation are implemented.
Supporting Student Behavior	LEA provides written guidance for administrators and teachers regarding realistic and age-appropriate expectations for behavior and the use of positive guidance to ensure the emotional and physical safety of all students.	LEA provides written guidance and ongoing training for administrators and teachers regarding realistic and age-appropriate expectations for behavior and the use of positive guidance to ensure the emotional and physical safety of all students.	LEA provides written guidance, ongoing training and targeted support, when needed , for administrators and teachers regarding realistic and age-appropriate expectations for behavior and the use of positive guidance to ensure the emotional and physical safety of all students.



Learning Environments

Strategies	Developing	Proficient	Exemplary
Daily Schedule	LEA provides guidance to teachers in displaying a classroom daily schedule located at student eye level that includes words (in each student's primary language) with pictures/icons for each activity.	LEA provides guidance and supports to teachers in displaying a classroom daily schedule located at student eye level that includes words (in each student's primary language) with pictures/icons for each activity. The schedule is consistently followed.	LEA provides guidance and supports to teachers and systematically ensures that a classroom daily schedule is displayed at student eye level that includes words (in each student's primary language) with pictures/icons for each activity. The schedule is consistently followed, but adapted according to student needs.
Classroom Displays	LEA provides guidance to teachers to ensure classroom displays are at student eye level and help them to reflect on their learning.	LEA provides guidance and supports to teachers to ensure classroom displays are at student eye level, help them to reflect on their learning and are predominantly student work.	LEA provides guidance and supports to teachers to ensure classroom displays are at student eye level, help them to reflect on their learning, are predominantly student work, and include a variety of work samples (e.g. art, emergent writing, projects).
Outdoor Environment	LEA provides an outdoor area with large motor equipment that is age appropriate, safe, clean and accessible to all kindergartners, including students with disabilities. There are 1-2 natural elements present in the outdoor environment.	LEA provides an outdoor area with large motor equipment that is age appropriate, safe, clean and accessible to all kindergartners, including students with disabilities. There are 3-4 natural elements present in the outdoor environment.	LEA provides an outdoor area with large motor equipment that is age appropriate, safe, clean and accessible to all kindergartners, including students with disabilities. There are 5 or more natural elements present in the outdoor environment.



Family Engagement

Strategies	Developing	Proficient	Exemplary
Family Engagement Plan	LEA is in the process of developing a plan that describes their approach to meaningful family engagement.	LEA is implementing and has posted on the LEA's website a plan that describes their approach to meaningful family engagement.	LEA is implementing and has posted on the LEA's website a plan that describes their approach to meaningful family engagement. The document is reviewed annually.
Communication Practices	LEA provides guidance and supports to teachers to ensure that teachers communicate about classroom activities and curricular goals with families.	LEA provides guidance and supports to teachers to ensure that teachers communicate weekly about classroom activities and curricular goals with families.	LEA provides guidance and supports to teachers to ensure that teachers communicate weekly about classroom activities and curricular goals through multiple modes of communication with families.
Inclusive Family Engagement Policy	LEA has developed and implements a policy that allows all families, regardless of home language or ability, to fully participate in most school activities and receive some written documents in an inclusive, culturally, and linguistically appropriate manner.	LEA has developed and implements a policy that allows all families, regardless of home language or ability, to fully participate in all school activities and receive most written documents in an inclusive, culturally, and linguistically appropriate manner.	LEA has developed and implements a policy that allows all families, regardless of home language or ability, to fully participate in all school activities and receive all written documents in an inclusive, culturally, and linguistically appropriate manner.
Family Conferences and/or Home Visits	LEA has a written expectation that family conferences and/or home visits are held once per school year and that child assessment data is used to guide the conference and/or home visit.	LEA has a written expectation that family conferences and/or home visits are held twice per school year and that child assessment data is used to guide the conference and/or home visit.	LEA has written expectations that family conferences and/or home visits are held twice per school year and that child assessment data is used to guide the conference and/or home visit. LEA provides supports so that teachers can offer families the options to meet before, during or after the school day.
Reporting Student Progress	LEA ensures report cards are used to communicate each student's progress across all foundation curriculum content areas.	LEA ensures report cards are used to communicate each student's progress across all foundation curriculum content areas and families are given strategies to support their child's development at home in areas of need.	LEA ensures report cards are used to communicate each student's progress across all foundation curriculum content areas and families are given strategies to support their child's development at home in all foundation curriculum content areas.



Family Engagement






Strategies	Developing	Proficient	Exemplary
<p>Program Expectations</p>	<p>LEA provides clear written expectations regarding roles/responsibilities for staff, students and families.</p>	<p>LEA provides clear written expectations regarding roles/responsibilities for staff, students and families prior to the beginning of school.</p>	<p>LEA provides clear written expectations regarding roles/responsibilities for staff, students and families prior to the beginning of school and reviews the expectations with families.</p>
<p>Attendance Plan</p>	<p>LEA implements an attendance plan that includes monitoring of student attendance and a process for contacting families when their child has been absent.</p>	<p>LEA implements an attendance plan that includes monthly monitoring of student attendance and a process for contacting families when their child has been absent.</p>	<p>LEA implements an attendance plan that includes monthly monitoring of student attendance and a process for contacting families when their child has been absent. LEA has a system in place to provide immediate support to families with students who have absence rates of more than 10%.</p>
<p>On-Campus Opportunities</p>	<p>LEA expects campuses to host fewer than five opportunities for families to engage in activities on campus annually.</p>	<p>LEA expects campuses to host five to eight opportunities for families to engage in activities on campus annually.</p>	<p>LEA expects campuses to host nine or more opportunities for families to engage in activities on campus annually. Activities are evaluated annually for their effectiveness through collected relevant data.</p>
<p>Participation</p>	<p>LEA monitors the participation rate of family engagement activities.</p>	<p>LEA monitors participation rates of family engagement activities and provides assistance to campuses whose average participation rate is below 30% of families.</p>	<p>LEA monitors participation rates of family engagement activities and provides assistance to campuses whose average participation rate is below 50% of families.</p>
<p>Support to Families</p>	<p>LEA provides sources of assistance regarding community resources to meet the economic/social service needs of families.</p>	<p>LEA provides monthly sources of assistance regarding community resources to meet the economic/social service needs of families.</p>	<p>LEA provides monthly sources of assistance regarding community resources to meet the economic/social service needs of families. LEA has a process for connecting families to services.</p>



Transitions

Strategies	Developing	Proficient	Exemplary
Shared Professional Development	LEA invites early care and education providers to participate in a LEA early childhood professional development activity once a year .	LEA invites early care and education providers to participate in some LEA early childhood professional development activities.	LEA invites early care and education providers to participate in most LEA early childhood professional development activities.
Collaborative Meetings with Early Care and Education Providers	LEA has some communication with early care and education providers in the community.	Early care and education providers are invited to meet with LEA prekindergarten and kindergarten staff once a year to align program goals and expectations .	Early care and education providers are invited to meet with LEA prekindergarten and kindergarten staff twice a year to align program goals and expectations .
Sharing Student Data	LEA prekindergarten and kindergarten staff meet annually to discuss student transitions. Kindergarten staff share student data with 1st grade staff.	LEA prekindergarten and kindergarten staff meet annually to discuss student transitions. Kindergarten staff share student data with 1st grade staff. LEA initiates FERPA compliant data-sharing agreements with early care and education providers to facilitate prekindergarten student data sharing.	LEA prekindergarten and kindergarten staff meet annually to discuss student transitions. LEA initiates FERPA compliant data-sharing agreements with early care and education providers to facilitate prekindergarten student data sharing and to inform class placement and beginning-of-the-year instruction .
Family Transition Strategies	LEA provides families with one activity or strategy (e.g. meet the teacher event, class tour, etc.) that can support their child's transition from one grade level to the next.	LEA provides families with two activities or strategies (e.g. meet the teacher event, class tour, etc.) that can support their child's transition from one grade level to the next.	LEA provides families with at least three activities or strategies (e.g. meet the teacher event, class tour, etc.) that can support their child's transition from one grade level to the next.
Transition Plan	LEA implements a transition plan that outlines the processes and procedures needed to ensure students successfully transition from one grade level to the next.	LEA implements a transition plan that outlines the processes and procedures needed to ensure students successfully transition from one grade level to the next and addresses transitioning students from non-LEA programs .	LEA implements a transition plan that incorporates and fulfills the expectations of various entities (e.g. Title I and Head Start) and outlines the processes and procedures needed to ensure students successfully transition from one grade level to the next and addresses transitioning students from non-LEA programs. The transition plan is evaluated annually .

Early Childhood Program Self-Assessment for Kindergarten Results

 Access / Enrollment	Developing	Proficient	Exemplary
Outreach Strategies			
Enrollment Plan			
Enrollment Process			
 Administrative and Teaching Staff	Developing	Proficient	Exemplary
Teacher Qualifications			
Teacher Evaluations			
Teacher Professional Development			
Coaching and Mentoring			
Administrator Professional Development			
Leading Continuous Improvement			
 Curriculum	Developing	Proficient	Exemplary
Curriculum			
Scope and Sequence			
Curricular Integration			
Vertical Alignment			
Horizontal Alignment			
 Instruction	Developing	Proficient	Exemplary
Instructional Activities			
Instructional Settings			
Supporting Special Populations			
Students with Special Needs			
Teacher Interactions with Students			
Supporting the Whole Child			
 Assessment	Developing	Proficient	Exemplary
Formative Assessment			
Use of Assessment Instrument			
Data-Driven Practices			
Family Input			
Referrals/Intervention			

 Learning Environments	Developing	Proficient	Exemplary
Physical Arrangement			
Link to Classroom Instruction			
Procedures and Routines			
Supporting Student Behavior			
Daily Schedule			
Classroom Displays			
Outdoor Environment			
 Family Engagement	Developing	Proficient	Exemplary
Family Engagement Plan			
Communication Practices			
Inclusive Family Engagement Policy			
Family Conferences and/or Home Visits			
Reporting Student Progress			
Program Expectations			
Attendance Plan			
On-Campus Opportunities			
Participation			
Support to Parents			
 Transitions	Developing	Proficient	Exemplary
Shared Professional Development			
Collaborative Meetings with Early Care and Education Providers			
Sharing Student Data			
Family Transition Strategies			
Transition Plan			

Continuous Improvement Worksheet

 **Strengths Identified:**

 Next Steps for **Continuous Improvement:**

 **Opportunities to Grow Identified:**



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