

TeachingStrategies GOLD® in Louisiana

About TeachingStrategies GOLD®

GOLD® by TeachingStrategies is an observation-based child assessment used in classrooms birth through kindergarten. In Louisiana’s early childhood and kindergarten classrooms, *GOLD®* by Teaching Strategies is used to measure each child’s growth and development for multiple purposes. This document outlines the key differences between the multiple *GOLD®* usages in early childhood and kindergarten classrooms.

- 1) Early Childhood:** All publicly-funded children attending public and nonpublic pre-K, Head Start, and child care must be assessed with *GOLD®* or an approved alternate assessment. This formative assessment has been required statewide since 2015, and occurs three times annually, on the last day of October, February, and May. The rate of assessment is reported on Louisiana’s early childhood performance profiles. Sites can opt to complete the default list of items, add more items, or skip items to complete an abbreviated version. This license is operated by the state. For questions, contact Meredith.Eckard@la.gov and Bridgette.Cupstid@la.gov.

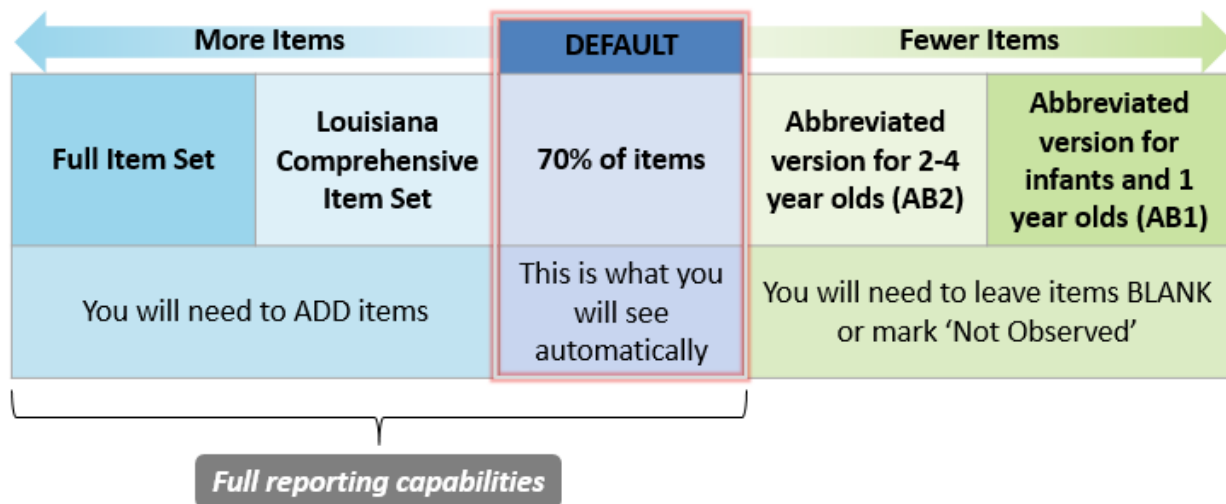
- 2) Early Childhood SPED 619 Part B (for OSEP reporting):** Beginning in fall 2018, Louisiana is transitioning from using AEPS to *GOLD* for children identified for special education services between the ages 3-5. At a minimum, special education teachers and service providers who serve children with disabilities age 3-5 must complete the assessment for children within 6 weeks of their entry for services, and again within 6 weeks of their exit or matriculation to Kindergarten. The *GOLD®* license includes a specific set of indicators that are required for reporting purposes to OSEP. This license is operated by the state. For questions, contact Brittany.Braun@la.gov.

- 3) Kindergarten Entry Assessment (KEA) Option:** Beginning in fall 2018, Louisiana will offer local school systems two KEA options: *GOLD®* by Teaching Strategies and DRDP. The *GOLD®* KEA uses a limited item set that determines whether a child is kindergarten ready. This assessment must be completed by September 30th of their kindergarten year, but can be used at other times during the year to measure progress or growth. This license is operated by individual school systems, and is not included as part of the state’s Early Childhood license. For questions, contact Brandy.Brunson@la.gov.

TeachingStrategies GOLD® for Early Childhood

Beginning in the 2018-2019 school year, the default *GOLD*® item set used in early childhood classrooms will be 70% of the objectives offered by *TeachingStrategies GOLD*®.

Early childhood sites will have flexibility in two ways: 1) sites may choose to assess children using more than the 70% default item set by manually adding items, and 2) sites may choose to assess using the item set from the Abbreviated Pilot by leaving items blank or marking 'Not Observed' for items not included in AB1 or AB2. This decision must be made at the site level. More guidance on how to complete a checkpoint with more or fewer items will be released at Back to School.



For **step-by-step guidance** on how to add more items or assess using either of the abbreviated sets of items, please refer to the [TS GOLD Administrator Guide](#) and/or the [TS GOLD Teacher Guide](#).

Additional Guidance for TeachingStrategies GOLD®

Below are additional guidance documents that can assist *GOLD*® users at various levels.

- [2018-2019: Next Steps for Early Childhood GOLD® Users Webinar](#)
- [TeachingStrategies GOLD® for OSEP FAQ](#)
- [TeachingStrategies GOLD® Guide for Principals and Directors](#)
- [Guidance for Setting Up Sites and Classes in GOLD®](#)
- [Guidance for Deleting User Accounts in GOLD®](#)
- [Guidance for Transferring Children in GOLD®](#)

TeachingStrategies GOLD® Item Set Crosswalk

		Early Childhood					
TS GOLD Objectives		2018-2019 Default (70% of items)	Original LA Item Set ("Comprehensive")	Abbreviated Pilots	KEA	OSEP	
Social Emotional	1a	✓	✓	AB1 only		✓	
	1b	✓	✓	AB1 & AB2		✓	
	1c	✓	✓	AB1 & AB2	✓	✓	
	1c1					✓	
	1c2					✓	
	1c3					✓	
	1c4					✓	
	2a	✓	✓	AB1 only		✓	
	2b		✓		✓	✓	
	2c	✓	✓	AB2 only	✓	✓	
	2d		✓			✓	
	3a	✓	✓	AB2 only	✓	✓	
	3b	✓	✓	AB1 & AB2	✓	✓	
	Physical	4	✓	✓	AB1 & AB2	✓	✓
4a							
4b							
4c							
5		✓	✓	AB1 & AB2	✓		
5a							
5b							
5c							
6		✓	✓	AB1 & AB2	✓		
6a							
6b							
6c							
7a		✓	✓	AB1 & AB2	✓	✓	
7b		✓	✓	AB2 only	✓	✓	

		Early Childhood				
TS GOLD Objectives		2018-2019 Default (70% of items)	Original LA Item Set ("Comprehensive")	Abbreviated Pilots	KEA	OSEP
Language	8a	✓	✓	AB1 & AB2		✓
	8b	✓	✓	AB1 & AB2		✓
	9a	✓	✓	AB1 & AB2	✓	✓
	9b	✓	✓	AB1 & AB2		✓
	9c	✓	✓	AB2 only	✓	✓
	9d	✓	✓	AB2 only	✓	✓
	10a	✓	✓	AB1 & AB2	✓	✓
	10b		✓			✓
Cognitive	11a		✓			✓
	11b	✓	✓	AB2 only	✓	✓
	11c	✓	✓	AB1 & AB2	✓	✓
	11d	✓	✓	AB1 & AB2	✓	✓
	11e	✓	✓		✓	✓
	12a	✓	✓	AB1 only		✓
	12b	✓	✓	AB2 only		✓
	13	✓	✓		✓	✓
	14a		✓			✓
	14b		✓			✓
Literacy	15a	✓	✓	AB2 only		✓
	15b	✓	✓	AB1 & AB2	✓	✓
	15c	✓	✓		✓	
	15d		✓			✓
	16a	✓	✓	AB2 only	✓	✓
	16b	✓	✓	AB2 only		✓
	17a	✓	✓		✓	✓
	17b	✓	✓	AB2 only	✓	✓
	18a	✓	✓	AB2 only	✓	✓
	18b	✓	✓	AB2 only	✓	✓
	18c	✓	✓	AB2 only	✓	✓
	18d		✓			✓
	18e		✓			✓
	19a	✓	✓			✓
	19b	✓	✓	AB2 only		✓
19c		✓			✓	

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	TS GOLD Objectives	2018-2019 Default (70% of items)	Original LA Item Set ("Comprehensive")	Abbreviated Pilots	KEA	OSEP
Math	20a	✓	✓	AB2 only		✓
	20b	✓	✓	AB1 & AB2	✓	✓
	20c	✓	✓	AB2 only	✓	✓
	20d		✓			✓
	20e		✓			✓
	20f		✓			✓
	21a	✓	✓	AB2 only	✓	✓
	21b	✓	✓	AB2 only		✓
	22a	✓	✓	AB2 only	✓	✓
	22b	✓	✓			✓
	22c	✓	✓			✓
	23	✓	✓			✓

Other	24		✓			
	25		✓			
	26		✓			
	27		✓			
	28		✓			
	29		✓			
	30		✓			
	31		✓			
	32		✓			
	33		✓			
	34		✓			
	35		✓			
	36		✓			
	37					
	38					

		Early Childhood					
	TS GOLD Objectives	2018-2019 Default (70% of items)	Original LA Item Set ("Comprehensive")	AB1	AB2	KEA	OSEP
Total	88 Items	47 Items	73 Items	19	36	31	61