

## *TeachingStrategies GOLD® Overview*

### **About *TeachingStrategies GOLD®***

*GOLD®* by *TeachingStrategies* is an observation-based child assessment used in birth through kindergarten classrooms. In Louisiana's early childhood and kindergarten classrooms, *GOLD®* by *TeachingStrategies* 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 centers must be assessed with *GOLD®*. Data from this formative assessment must be reported to the LDOE 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 abbreviated version (see pages 3-5 below), add additional objectives, or complete the comprehensive version. This license is operated by the LDOE. For questions, contact [Meredith.Eckard@la.gov](mailto:Meredith.Eckard@la.gov) and [Bridgette.Cupstid@la.gov](mailto:Bridgette.Cupstid@la.gov)
- 2. Early Childhood SPED 619 Part B (for OSEP reporting):** The LDOE transitioned to using *GOLD®* as a replacement for AEPS in 2018. All children ages 3-5 with IEPs (including children who receive speech services only) must be assessed with the *TS GOLD®* OSEP license at least once for every year that they receive early childhood special education (ECSE) services. Entry assessments in the OSEP license must be completed within the first 6 weeks of entry into ECSE after the child reaches 3 years of age (i.e. within 6 weeks of the child's 3rd birthday or within 6 weeks of the day the child begins receiving services). Exit assessments must be completed within 6 weeks of withdrawal from ECSE services or within 6 weeks of the child's 6th birthday, whichever comes first. All children entering kindergarten must have an exit assessment completed in the OSEP license. For OSEP item sets, see pages 3-5 below. This license is operated by the LDOE. See the [TeachingStrategies GOLD OSEP Guidance](#) for additional information. For questions, contact [Brittany.Braun@la.gov](mailto:Brittany.Braun@la.gov).
- 3. Kindergarten Entry Assessment (KEA) Option:** LDOE offers local school systems two KEA options: *GOLD®* by *TeachingStrategies* and *DRDP-K®*. The *GOLD®* KEA uses a smaller item set (see pages 3-5 below) to determine whether a child is kindergarten ready. This assessment must be completed during the first 30 school days and reported to the LDOE by November 7. The assessment can be administered multiple 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. See the [Kindergarten Entry Assessment \(KEA\) Guidance](#) for additional information. For questions, contact [Meredith.Eckard@la.gov](mailto:Meredith.Eckard@la.gov) and [Bridgette.Cupstid@la.gov](mailto:Bridgette.Cupstid@la.gov).

### Support for Administrators and Teachers

User Type	Support Guidance	General Topics Included
Administrators	<a href="#">Administrator Support</a>	Creating Programs/Sites/ Classes/Users, Creating Reports, Report Monitoring, etc.
Teachers	<a href="#">Teacher Support</a>	Logging in, Setting up classes, Creating Child Reports, Exploring the Teach Area, Adding Documentation, etc.

### Data Protocols for Programs and Sites

- [GOLD® Data Protocols](#)

### Adding additional GOLD objectives while using the default abbreviated version in the ECE license

- [Program Level](#)
- [Site Level](#)
- [Class Level](#)

### Transferring Students

- [Guidance for Transferring Students in GOLD](#)

### Teaching Strategies Customer Support

- [Support Portal](#)
- Louisiana Technical Support Line: 866-248-2575
- Email: Techsupport@teachingstrategies.com

**TeachingStrategies GOLD® Item Set Crosswalk**

		Early Childhood Options			
	<b>GOLD® Items</b>	<b>2020-2021 Default Version (70% of Items)</b>	<b>Original LDOE Comprehensive Version</b>	<b>OSEP</b>	<b>KEA</b>
Social-Emotional	1a	✓	✓	✓	
	1b	✓	✓	✓	
	1c	✓	✓	✓	✓
	1c1			✓	
	1c2			✓	
	1c3			✓	
	1c4			✓	
	2a	✓	✓	✓	
	2b	✓*	✓	✓	✓
	2c	✓	✓	✓	✓
	2d		✓	✓	
	3a	✓	✓	✓	✓
	3b	✓	✓	✓	✓

\*Sites will need to manually add this measure.

		Early Childhood Options			
	<b>GOLD® Items</b>	<b>2020-2021 Default Version (70% of Items)</b>	<b>Original LDOE Comprehensive Version</b>	<b>OSEP</b>	<b>KEA</b>
Physical	4	✓	✓	✓	✓
	4a				
	4b				
	4c				
	5	✓	✓		✓
	5a				
	5b				
	5c				
	6	✓	✓		✓
	6a				
	6b				
	6c				
	7a	✓	✓	✓	✓
	7b	✓	✓	✓	✓

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		<b>GOLD® Items</b>	<b>2020-2021 Default Version (70% of Items)</b>	<b>Original LDOE Comprehensive Version</b>	<b>OSEP</b>	<b>KEA</b>
Language	8a	✓	✓	✓		
	8b	✓	✓	✓		
	9a	✓	✓	✓	✓	
	9b	✓	✓	✓		
	9c	✓	✓	✓	✓	
	9d	✓	✓	✓	✓	
	10a	✓	✓	✓	✓	
	10b		✓	✓		

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Cognitive	11b	✓	✓	✓	✓
	11c	✓	✓	✓	✓
	11d	✓	✓	✓	✓
	11e	✓	✓	✓	✓
	12a	✓	✓	✓	
	12b	✓	✓	✓	✓
	13	✓	✓	✓	
	14a		✓	✓	
	14b		✓	✓	

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Literacy	15b	✓	✓	✓	✓
	15c	✓	✓		✓
	15d		✓	✓	
	16a	✓	✓	✓	✓
	16b	✓	✓	✓	
	17a	✓	✓	✓	✓
	17b	✓	✓	✓	✓
	18a	✓	✓	✓	✓
	18b	✓	✓	✓	✓
	18c	✓	✓	✓	✓
	18d		✓	✓	
	18e		✓	✓	
	19a	✓	✓	✓	
	19b	✓	✓	✓	
	19c		✓	✓	

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Mathematics	20b	✓	✓	✓	✓
	20c	✓	✓	✓	✓
	20d		✓	✓	
	20e		✓	✓	
	20f		✓	✓	
	21a	✓	✓	✓	✓
	21b	✓	✓	✓	
	22a	✓	✓	✓	✓
	22b	✓	✓	✓	
	22c	✓	✓	✓	
	23	✓	✓	✓	

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	<b>GOLD® Items</b>	<b>2020-2021 Default Version (70% of Items)</b>	<b>Original LDOE Comprehensive Version</b>	<b>OSEP</b>	<b>KEA</b>	
Other	25		✓			
	26		✓			
	27		✓			
	28		✓			
	29		✓			
	30		✓			
	31		✓			
	32		✓			
	33		✓			
	34		✓			
	35		✓			
	36		✓			
	37					
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	<b>GOLD® Items</b>	<b>2020-2021 Default Version (70% of Items)</b>	<b>Original LDOE Comprehensive Version</b>	<b>OSEP</b>	<b>KEA</b>	
Total Items	88	48	73	61	31	