

VKRP Assessment System

Optional mid-year timepoint available in 2024-2025

The Virginia Kindergarten Readiness Program (VKRP) gives schools/programs, teachers, and families a more complete picture of school readiness in 4 key areas: Literacy, Mathematics, Self-Regulation, and Social Skills.

VKRP is administered in the fall and spring in all publicly-funded kindergarten and pre-kindergarten classrooms (VPI, VECF Mixed Delivery) serving 3- and 4-year-olds.

Beginning in the 2024-2025 school year, the Virginia Kindergarten Readiness Program (VKRP) is excited to announce the availability of the VKRP assessment system at mid-year for pre-kindergarten and kindergarten. This is in response to requests from program, school and division leaders, teachers, and families across Virginia who have expressed interest in understanding how to better monitor students' progress and growth across the school year, and to better align with literacy assessment practices.

Mid-Year Assessment Details

As an assessment system, VKRP adds measures of mathematics, self-regulation, and social skills in Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten to complement Virginia's statewide assessment of literacy skills (VALLSS).

Literacy

- The Virginia Language & Literacy Screening System (VALLSS) is used to assess children's language and literacy skills and is administered through Virginia Literacy Partnerships.

Mathematics

- The Early Mathematics Assessment System (EMAS) is a teacher direct assessment of children's mathematical skills.
- Different items are administered in the fall, mid-year, and spring.
- The mid-year EMAS takes about 10-15 minutes per student and can be administered module by module.

Self-Regulation and Social Skills

- The Child Behavior Rating Scale (CBRS) is teacher self-report measure used to assess children's self-regulation and social skills. Teachers also report on children's mental health well-being.
- The same items are included in the fall, mid-year, and spring.
- The mid-year CBRS takes approximately one to three minutes to complete per student.

Mid-Year Participation Guidelines

Mid-Year Term

- The VKRP Mid-Year Assessment Term will be **January 6 – February 3, 2025**.
- Divisions/programs may choose a shorter assessment window within this term.

Participation for the 2024-2025 School Year

- Divisions/programs determine which classrooms or students will use the VKRP Mid-Year Assessments.
- Publicly funded kindergarten and pre-kindergarten classrooms required to use VKRP in the fall and spring are encouraged, but not required, to use VKRP's Mid-Year Assessments.

Next steps

- Divisions/programs currently using VKRP should indicate interest by **August 19th** in participating in the VKRP Mid-Year Assessment Term by contacting Wanda Weaver at vkpr@virginia.edu or 1-866-301-8278.
- If you have never participated in VKRP in the fall or spring and are interested in participating, please contact Wanda Weaver for information about next steps.

To ask questions, contact Wanda Weaver at 1-866-301-8278 or
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