

Desired Results
Developmental ProfileKindergarten (2015) –
(DRDP-K) Assessment:
Family Tip Sheet



#### What is the DRDP-K?

**Observation-based.** Teachers take time to deeply notice and understand MULTIPLE aspects of your child's development to inform their curriculum and instruction. it's not a quick, one-time test.

**Strength-based.** By design, this tool helps teachers notice the details and areas that children are succeeding in and identify areas of "opportunity" for future instruction and exploration.

**Research-based.** Multiple research teams - who specialize in diverse aspects of early education and development – have written and designed this tool in partnership with teachers, families, advocates, and administrators from across the state and nation. Planned partnership is part of the design.

**Developmentally-aligned.** This assessment tool is aligned to current developmental science, the <u>CA Preschool Learning Foundations</u> (PLF) <u>AND</u> the new CA <u>Common Core State Standards</u> (CCSS).

# What does the DRDP-K measure?

This tool measures 6-Core Areas of early learning:

- 1. Self Regulation
- 2. Social Emotional Development
- 3. Language & Literacy Development
- 4. English Language Development
- 5. Cognitive Development (STEM)
- 6. Health, Wellness & Physical Development

#### How do teachers use the data?

- Teachers and districts use the report data to:
  - Better partner with families and children
  - Inform instruction and student support
  - Inform district policy and family connections
- Teachers observe students over time (student data).
- Teachers collect evidence of student learning via observation <u>AND</u> observation notes/ideas from families (classrooms data).
- For **Dual/Diverse Language Learners**, teachers observe and document children's learning in BOTH the home/first language and English (student data).
- Teachers review and reflect on student evidence of learning prior to rating children's progress on the DRDP-K developmental continuum (CCSS; p. 7)

## Why it is IMPORTANT:

- "School readiness" in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century includes multiple literacies and updated forms of learning and knowledge.
  - www.p21.org
- "Whole-child" learning and development is widely recognized as essential for later academic success.

www.wholechildeducation.org/about

### How can I help?

- Learn more about <u>early learning</u> and child development.
- Participate and offer support in your child's classroom.
- Share with your child's teacher learning you see happening at home and in the community
- Ask your child's teacher to share more about what she/he is noticing about your child.
- <u>Talk, sing, read, write, dance and play</u> with your child as much as you can in these early years, because <u>Play Is Learning</u>.

