The Appropriate use of Assessment in a High Quality Classroom Helps Young Children Learn!

Assessment includes the strategies teachers use to understand students’ strengths, abilities, needs, behaviors, and interests. Good assessment helps teachers to plan instruction and track children’s progress in achieving learning goals. Help from the classroom to home, and the family to school, runs in a personalized and responsive to each child’s needs, interests, and experiences. It is therefore predicated on teacher awareness of, and relationships with, children. Indeed, great care must be taken with young children’s development is sensitive to their social contexts. To understand her students’ interests, and their communication skills. At the end of the school day, she also takes notes during her informal interactions with students. The principal will also use student information to assess the quality of teaching and learning in the classroom. This is a common set of skills as they are changing. Indeed, assessment needs. Aggregated data can add administrative decisions and future curriculum choices. It is normal for children to have a wide range of information. 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Effective Use of Appropriate Assessments in Prekindergarten through 3rd Grade: Building a Strong Foundation for the New York State Learning Standards

As members of the NYS Early Childhood Advisory Council, the NYS Head Start Collaboration Office, the NYS State Education Department, and the NYS Association for the Education of Young Children are providing guidance to support our youngest students, their families, teachers, and leaders by highlighting key features of high quality early childhood teaching. We firmly believe that young students can best meet New York State Learning Standards when they have effective teachers who use intentional, experiential, and developmentally and culturally appropriate practices. This brief provides helpful strategies related to setting up a classroom environment that will help to put the State’s young learners on a path to social and intellectual success as they master the foundational skills to meet the New York State Learning Standards.

Resources
- New York State Education Department Assessment Guidance for Early Learning (prekindergarten to grade 3)
- Preschool Assessment: A Guide to Developing a Balanced Approach
- Beyond Outcomes: How Ongoing Assessment Supports Children’s Learning and State Shape’s Impact on Student Achievement
- New York State Education Department Assessment Guidance

Sources
- This section is guided by the recently published “New York State Education Department assessment guidance for early learning (prekindergarten to grade 3).” For the full guidance, please visit www.p12.nysed.gov/earlylearning/

To learn more and view the other briefs in this series that address curriculum, the classroom environment, instruction and interactions, assessment and family engagement, behavior and play, please visit the New York ECAC website at www.nysecac.org or contact us at ecac@ccf.ny.gov.

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