

What is the KSEP and why is it important to Marin County?

The Kindergarten Student Entrance Profile (KSEP) is a 13-item screening tool designed to assess a child's school readiness through observational ratings of 6 social-emotional and 7 school-ready knowledge items in the following areas:

- Cognitive/academic/language ability
- Social-emotional development and behaviors

This opportunity allows for the use of a single metric, one that is evidenced based and user friendly, implemented county wide. Along with information collected from a parent survey, the KSEP will provide information on where to direct more resources, assist schools in identifying students who need more observation and monitoring, and help leverage partnerships.

Marin County KSEP pilot project

In 2017, Marin County Office of Education coordinated a pilot implementation of the KSEP tool with 10 teachers across 7 schools to test for usability. Overall, implementation of the KSEP tool was rated as highly usable. The recommendation put forth was implementation of the tool on a wider scale. Marin First 5 Commission has agreed to partially fund the project for the Fall of 2018. The funding will provide a comprehensive teacher training and allow for up to 80 teachers to participate and receive a stipend.

How is the KSEP administered?

Kindergarten teachers observe students during the first 3 weeks of the school year. During the fourth week, the teacher completes the item rubric for each student and compiles an overall score that corresponds with one of the four KSEP rating categories: Immediate Follow up, Month Monitor, Quarterly Monitor, or Ready to Go.

How is data collected and reported?

Individual student rating sheets will be completed by the classroom teacher (paper or electronic version). Designated software will be utilized to provide reports for analysis of results. Results will be shared with districts, Marin First 5, and the community.

General Informational Orientation Meeting

On May 17th and 29th we will host a general informational meeting here at MCOE. This is an opportunity for teachers to hear more about our pilot experience, details pertaining to the 2018-2019 Cohort, and get their questions answered.

[RSVP for the Meeting here](#)

Training on the KSEP tool

The authors of the KSEP will provide all participating Kindergarten teachers a comprehensive training of the KSEP tool. The three hour session will provide background on the development of the tool, orientation of the rubric, and observation process.

Provided is the link to the training flyer and registration.

[Flyer](#)

[Register here](#)

Please contact us with any questions

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