

Teaching Strategies: GOLD

Purpose of assessment:

Assessment information is essential for individualizing instruction for young children. This system supports teachers and promotes appropriate teaching practices that help all children building the foundation they need for school success.

Specific skills measured by GOLD:

This measure focuses on the Creative Curriculum objectives for development and learning. The Creative Curriculum objectives for development and learning are aligned to the Iowa Early Learning Standards for Preschool. This alignment can be found at the Teaching Strategies website at www.teachingstrategies.com.

How is the assessment tool administered?

The classroom staff observes individual children over time, but the context for observations may be a group setting.

How is the assessment information used and shared with families?

The classroom staff will maintain records for each child and complete the skill level ratings. The teacher interprets the results and uses them in planning daily activities and determining the needs of each individual child. Twice a year families will have a conference with the classroom teacher where a family report will be shared. This report describes your child's development in the above listed areas.

Family involvement:

During conferences, home visits, and through daily communications, classroom staff will seek information from families about the skills and behaviors their child demonstrates at home. The information gathered from families is used in the assessment process.