



Assessment Information

If your child is between the ages of 3 and 5, they must participate in a new assessment program for RISE scholarship recipients.

What are the required assessments?

Brigance Assessment – Assesses a range of developmental and early academic skills.
The Reading House Assessment – Focuses on early literacy and pre-reading skills.

Why are the assessments required for 3-, 4-, and 5-year old children on a RISE scholarship?

The assessments are designed to support the developmental and educational growth of children. By identifying strengths and areas for improvement early, we can work collaboratively to enhance kindergarten readiness and provide targeted support to meet each child's unique needs.

Since RISE aims to increase school readiness for Franklin County children—especially those who face challenges due to economic or social factors—these assessments allow us to:

- **Identify Support Needs Early:** The assessments help pinpoint each child's unique strengths and areas needing support, allowing targeted interventions.
- **Ensure Equitable Educational Opportunities:** By assessing age-appropriate children on Franklin County RISE scholarships, we can help close the readiness gap and support children from all backgrounds, particularly those who are historically underserved, helping them to start school on a level playing field.
- **Measure Program Impact:** Tracking assessment results over time provides a way to measure the effectiveness of the RISE program in preparing children for kindergarten.

How often will the screenings take place?

Assessments will occur twice each year: once in October and again in March.

How are the assessments scheduled?

Franklin County RISE will work with child care providers to schedule assessments.

How will the results be used?

Assessment results help child care providers and families understand each child's developmental progress and readiness for school. Results can guide instruction and interventions to support children's early literacy, social, and cognitive skills.

Who administers these screenings?

The assessments are administered by trained staff members or designated providers who understand early childhood development and assessment practices.



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Is my child required to participate?

Yes, participation in these assessments is required for all children ages 3-5 receiving a RISE scholarship. This requirement ensures that RISE scholarship recipients are receiving targeted support to prepare them for kindergarten.

Who can access the assessment data?

Access to assessment data is carefully managed to ensure both privacy and effective use of information:

- **Parents and Providers:** Individual screening results are available to parents and their child's early childcare provider. This ensures that families and providers can collaborate to support each child's development and readiness for school.
- **County-Level Access:** Franklin County has access to aggregated data from the screenings, which does not identify individual children or specific child care centers. This aggregated data allows the county to evaluate the overall effectiveness of the RISE program and make informed decisions on resource allocation and program improvement.

This approach protects the privacy of each child and program while enabling targeted support and program-wide analysis to enhance early childhood outcomes in Franklin County.

What is the Kindergarten Readiness Assessment (KRA)?

At the beginning of each school year, children in kindergarten programs are assessed using [Ohio's Kindergarten Readiness Assessment Revised](#). This assessment includes ways for teachers to measure a child's readiness for engaging with instruction aligned to the kindergarten standards.

Why does Franklin County RISE need my child's KRA scores?

Franklin County RISE needs access to KRA scores to assess the effectiveness of its programs in preparing children for kindergarten. By reviewing these scores, Franklin County RISE can measure each scholarship recipient's kindergarten readiness and make informed adjustments to better support early childhood development.

How will Franklin County RISE receive my child's KRA scores?

Parents will sign the consent to release form during the application process. When a scholarship recipient enters kindergarten, the parent will inform Franklin County RISE of the school, allowing them to request the scores directly from that institution.

How can I get involved in supporting my child's learning?

RISE encourages families to participate in workshops, engage with their child's early education providers, and stay informed about their child's progress. Additionally, RISE offers resources and support for parents to help reinforce learning at home.

Where can I find additional resources and support?

Franklin County RISE provides family resources, including workshops and access to early childhood development information. For more information, please speak with your childcare provider or contact RISEHelp@actionforchildren.org.

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