

ECASD Assessment

*Assessment at the preschool level helps us understand a child's skills. The preschool years are a time of rapid growth and development. All children grow and learn at different rates. Assessment helps us figure out where children are in their development so we can plan learning experiences that help them continually grow.

	<p>Devereux Early Childhood Assessment (DECA)</p> <p>The DECA-P2 is one of the many tools we use to help us get to know your child over the course of the year. It is a strength-based assessment of a child's initiative, self-regulation, and attachment/relationships. Research shows these three strengths are a good foundation for long term social and emotional health, and positive behavior. The assessment will also let us know if there are any behavior concerns so we can provide appropriate support and instruction.</p>
	<p>Phonological Awareness Literacy Screening (PALS)</p> <p>The state of Wisconsin requires a literacy assessment for all four-year-olds. The purpose of the PALS assessment is to find student's strengths and areas for support in literacy foundational skills such as name writing, alphabet, book knowledge, and beginning sound awareness. The assessment is given in a one-on-one setting by the teacher.</p>
	<p>Teaching Strategies Gold (TSG)</p> <p>Teaching Strategies Gold is an observation-based assessment for children from birth through third grade. Teachers observe children in everyday play experiences to find out what they know and can do. The areas of social emotional, physical, language, literacy, math, and cognitive have a progression of development and learning. The levels, called color bands, are based on ages. Teachers use the information gathered to analyze the child's developmental levels in all areas. This process is called checkpointing and it happens three times per year.</p>

Fall Assessments will be shared at the fall Family-Teacher Conferences.

Mid-year Assessments will be shared at the winter Family-Teacher Conferences/Home Visits.

End of the year Assessments will be shared in the end of the school year packet.