

Town Hall Questions

Open Discussion Questions

1. What is the Star Literacy Test? **The Star Early Literacy Assessment measures student's vocabulary, phonics, language and numeracy skills, monitors achievements and growth and tracks understanding of literacy concepts aligned to the state's learning standards. Where can I find it?** <https://www.renaissance.com/products/assessment/star-360/star-early-literacy-skills/>
2. Should we be teaching to the test (Star Literacy)? **Not advised, again look at the standards that address oral language development, phonological awareness and numeracy**
3. Why are the standards always changing and will we be notified / meetings held to share this information? **The last edition of the standards was in 2011. The latest version of the standards was made available in 2017.**
4. Why is there no changes/accommodations in the test for special needs children? Why are learning gains not used in Readiness Rate? **Below is a link with details about Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK) Provider Kindergarten Readiness Rate calculation:**
<http://flrules.elaws.us/fac/6m-8.601>
5. Why are AP1 and AP3 not the same as what they take in Kindergarten for the readiness rate? **Below is a link with details about Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK) Provider Kindergarten Readiness Rate calculation:** <http://flrules.elaws.us/fac/6m-8.601>
6. Are Private and Charter schools administering the test? Catholic schools? **Below is a link with details about Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK) Provider Kindergarten Readiness Rate calculation:**
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7. Why does OEL not take into account bi-lingual students? **Below is a link with details about Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK) Provider Kindergarten Readiness Rate calculation:**
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8. Who makes up the rules ELC and providers have to follow? **The Office of Early Learning administers federal and state child care funds and partners with 30 local early learning coalitions to deliver comprehensive early learning services statewide. The office oversees three programs—the School Readiness Program, the Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program, and Child Care Resource and Referral services. The link below will give you more details about the Office of Early Learning:**
<http://www.floridaearlylearning.com/about-us/office-of-early-learning-overview>
9. **AP1 and AP3 have been around for Years. Are they not outdated by now? I don't know if we can answer this. Could you send the question to Amanda Moore?**
10. What does the ELC Warm Line/Inclusion offer? **The Inclusion Department at the ELC of Duval provides Warm Line services to all Child Care Providers in Duval County. The Warm Line is a service providing assistance and consultation to early care and education providers regarding health, development, disability, and special needs issues of the children they are serving. The link below will give you more details about the Inclusion Department at the ELC of Duval:**
<http://www.elcduval.org/get-special-services-child/>
11. How are we to help with early detection when waiting list are so long for Early Steps and Childfind. How do we help when doctors and parents don't see it? **Northeastern Early Steps is a Children's Medical Services program provided by the Department of Pediatrics at the University of Florida College of Medicine – Jacksonville, not the Early Learning Coalition of Duval. The**

Northeastern Early Steps Program offers developmentally supportive early intervention services for infants and toddlers aged birth to 36 months who have developmental delay or may be at risk for developmental delay. Northeastern Early Steps serves families living in Duval, Clay, St. Johns, Nassau, Baker, and Bradford Counties. The link below will give you more details about Early Steps:

<https://hscj.ufl.edu/pediatrics/early-steps/>

Child Assessment

12. If a provider chooses Teaching Strategies Gold how do we keep the data year to year? The electronic system allows for the data to be transferred on a yearly basis if the subscriptions are paid for. With the paper system the data would be in the provider's possession.
13. How do we mandate a parent to do a screening (ASQ)? There is no mandate that the parent complete the screening.
14. How are we supposed to move forward when you are just now giving out information on child assessments? On the new SR contract, providers had the option to participate in Child Assessment. If a provider indicated 'yes', they wanted to participate in Child Assessment, they were contacted by our office and given the information. The final assessment tool was approved in late July and OEL extended the Reliability due date by 30 days to make sure all providers could meet the 75% reliability requirement. Multiple emails were sent (in July and Aug) to providers who had already elected to participate. No emails were sent to providers who chose not to participate.