

The Early Learning Assessment (ELA) is a part of Ohio's Ready for Kindergarten Assessment System, a joint project of Ohio's Department of Education (ODE) and Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS). The assessment is designed to aid teachers in determining where children are in their readiness for kindergarten. The ELA will provide information for teachers about children from early preschool to kindergarten.

ELA scores must be reported for any/all child(ren) attending preschool with Early Childhood Education (ECE) Grant funds and/or child(ren) attending preschool with Preschool Special Education (PSE) services.

If a child is funded using **ECE Grant** funds, the grantee receiving funding from ODE is required to report the child's ELA data.

- If the grantee is a preschool program licensed through ODJFS or is a Chartered Nonpublic School, ELA data is reported into [Enterprise Application System](#) (EAS).
- If the grantee is a preschool program licensed through ODE (other than Chartered Nonpublic Schools), ELA data is reported into [Education Management Information System](#) (EMIS).

If a child receives **PSE services**, the child's school district of residence is required to report the child's ELA data in EMIS.

- This may include ensuring a child's ELA data is reported in EMIS if other service providers (Education Service Center, Joint Vocational School, etc.) are administering the assessment and/or reporting data.

All other programs may use the ELA at no cost but are not required to report scores.

Questions? Contact ELAHelp@education.ohio.gov