Florida Kindergarten Readiness Screener (FLKRS)
June 2020 Private School Webinar
Questions and Answers

Preparing for Administration

Who do we notify we are participating and how do we set up our site?
Contact FLKRS@fldoe.org so that your school is added to the list of participating schools, then download the private school rostering spreadsheet from the FLKRS website, fill it out and submit it. Instructions are in the spreadsheet.

How can I confirm if my school has an account with Renaissance for FLKRS?
Email FLKReadiness@renaissance.com to confirm you are set up to administer FLKRS.

Where do we find the roster template?
The roster template can be found under the FLKRS/Star Early Literacy Rostering section on this page: http://www.fldoe.org/accountability/assessments/k-12-student-assessment/flkrs/test-admin.stml

Does an administrator submit student rosters on the template or do the teachers do this?
The person who is considered the FLKRS contact should be submitting the rosters. Receiving multiple rosters from the same school from different people can cause inconsistencies.

When should we submit the rosters?
As soon as you have the list of students that will be attending your program you can submit a roster.

When will administrators get an email regarding rostering if we have contacted Renaissance?
Our customer assistance department is actively reaching out to schools with information regarding rostering. You can also email FLKReadiness@renaissance.com to request rostering assistance.

Are we going to be using last year’s list of students?
No, you will only test kindergarten students enrolled for the 2020–21 school year.

If students did not attend a VPK program, can we still test them?
No, the assessment should only be administered to students that attended a Florida VPK Program.

Do we test all kindergarten students even if they didn't attend our school VPK program?
If students attended a Florida VPK program they should participate in the FLKRS administration.

What if, after we send in the roster, students withdraw? How do we remove them?
There is no need to remove them from the site, you will just not test those students.
Where do we get the student FLEID number?
This is an optional field. If you do not have FLEIDs issued by the Office of Early Learning, please leave the field blank. They will not be provided by the Department of Education.

At what time of day does the testing site open for students? And until what time of day can they get on to take a test?
Currently there are no time restrictions on when the test is taken.

Do we have 30 calendar days or school days?
The assessment should be administered within the first 30 school days of the year. Renaissance has changed how screening windows are scheduled in the platform. You are no longer limited to 30 calendar days; you can now set the screening window to include 30 school days. If you need additional time to test this year beyond 30 days, please contact FLKRS@fldoe.org.

Does on-site testing take place at a school or are their specific sites schools must use?
School coordinators must prepare to administer the assessment at their school sites. There are no designated testing centers to be used.

Where do teachers find their login information?
Teacher usernames will be their 4-digit school code_firstname+lastname (e.g., 0123_amandapotts). This will also be their password for the first login. They will receive a prompt to change their password after they log in for the first time.

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My understanding for this year is that we don't have to participate, that it is just tools for teachers and progress of each student?
Private schools are not required to administer FLKRS. Additionally, readiness rates won’t be used for provider accountability in the 2020-21 school year.

What is meant by no accountability?
Accountability refers to the Office of Early Learning using the results to calculate kindergarten readiness rates for Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten (VPK) providers.

Can we have a phone number to speak to someone about rate for 2019–20?
The Office of Early Learning can be reached at 866-357-3239.

If we begin the school year online, should we schedule the students to come to the center to take the test?
Yes, in order to participate, students will need to come to the school to participate.

If testing can begin July 13th, do students have to wait until school starts to get tested or can we test them before school starts? Whether the campus is open 5 days a week or less (with days at home with virtual), will the school still have 30 school days?
FLKRS should be administered within the first 30 days of the school year. Contact FDOE at FLKRS@fldoe.org to discuss scheduling flexibility.
What if we can’t get the testing done within the first 30 days due to COVID issues? Will we have that window until October 16 to complete the testing?
Please communicate with the Department of Education (FLKRS@fldoe.org) if you have issues getting testing completed within the first 30 days.

Student Experience

Do you have a practice assessment? What do you recommend to prepare VPK students on using a mouse on the computer, listening to directions given, and clicking on the answer in a timely matter?
Yes, we recommend utilizing the practice site. We also have a Student PowerPoint you may use to introduce the assessment. You can find the practice site here: https://www.renaissance.com/lp/florida-k-readiness-practice/ and the Student PowerPoint is available upon request by emailing FLKRS@fldoe.org.

Can we use a tablet or touch screen devices?
Yes, Star Early Literacy supports touch screens 7 inches or larger.

Can students test on iPads?
Yes, as long as they aren't 1st generation iPads.

On a tablet, should we use a web browser or is there a specific app for the assessment?
Star Early Literacy is accessed via web browser. There isn't an app for a tablet.

Can we split the testing time in two sessions?
You can pause the assessment if needed. It would be best to plan enough time to administer the assessment in one sitting. The national average to administer the Star Early Literacy assessment is 15 minutes.

Will students see different questions?
Yes, the assessment adjusts based on the student’s answer.

If a student is not able to complete the assessment, are teachers allow to help, or should they just end the assessment for the student?
The teacher should never help students answer questions. If the student doesn't know the answer, the teacher should simply encourage them to select the best answer and move to the next question. Eventually the student should get a question they can answer. If there are issues with technology, like the audio doesn't work, the teacher should quit the assessment and have the student retest when the technology is working.

After the Assessment

Is there a way to transfer results to a school server account from the FLKRS account so we don’t have to retest on our server for comparison throughout the year?
Yes, there is functionality in the platform that will allow you to transfer your students’ information from one site to another.

Are the FLKRS reports available all year?
Reports are available most of the year. Renaissance typically clears data from the site in April to prepare for the upcoming fall assessment.
**Which report is best for student assessment?**

For individual students, the Instructional Planning report is a great report if you are looking for specific information for a student. For a classroom, we suggest starting with the Screening Report.

**How should we proceed if a student can't answer the practice questions?**

If the child can't get through the practice questions, it is assumed they won't be able to accurately complete the test. In that case, the test administrator should use the non-participating category “Unable to Answer Sample Questions.” If the student is able to complete the practice questions they should be able to complete the test.

**Is the test only available in the fall or can we administer it midyear and in the spring?**

The Florida K-Readiness assessment is only administered in the fall.

**How would we be able to do a second assessment in the spring? Would there be a charge?**

Send an email to educatordevelopment@renaissance.com. They can provide you with a price.