

Administering Kindergarten Readiness Remotely Family Guide

Thank you for assisting your student in completing their Kindergarten Readiness assessment. Your student will need access to a computer or tablet (7 inches or larger) to take the assessment and will need headphones or speakers.

Before testing, be sure you have the following information from your school:

- [Kindergarten Readiness link](#)
- Student username and password
- Monitor password (if needed)

Three easy steps to monitoring the test



Watch these videos.

You and your student will learn about the Kindergarten Readiness test and how they can do their best.

[K-Readiness Test](#)

[Practice Video](#)



Provide your student with materials they may need and help them log in.

Headphones or audio

[View login steps](#)



Make sure your student is on task, but don't read or help answer test questions.

This assessment is not a test taken for a grade. The best help is no help.

[View test monitor tips](#)

When teachers and test monitors consistently follow the same procedures before, during, and after testing, they help ensure test results which are true representations of what the student knows. The information in the following pages of this guide will help you prepare for and monitor your student's testing event effectively.

About This Assessment

This assessment helps teachers better understand what students know and can do in the areas of early literacy. As a student takes the test, the software selects items based on the student's responses. If the student answers correctly, the next item will be more difficult. If the student answers incorrectly, the next item will be less difficult. By adjusting the difficulty of the items to what students show they can or cannot do, the assessment is an accurate way to help teachers identify what skills students are ready to learn. Teachers use this information to guide their instruction.

This assessment is used for students in grades pre-K through 3 (beginning readers who do not yet read independently or need early literacy skills assessed). There are 27 items and it generally takes fewer than 15 minutes for the student to complete the test.

The role of the adult at home

The job of the test monitor is to make sure the student does their very best without help. This assessment is not a test for a grade. It is used for teachers to know how best to instruct the student.

The monitor may help the student log in and select the correct assessment, but no assistance should be given once the test begins. Test monitors should not read questions or answer choices to the student or prompt the student in any other way. If your student is having difficulty with an item, encourage them to choose the answer they think is best and click next to move on to the next question.

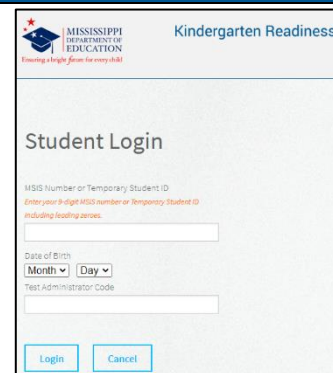
No materials other than headphones are allowed unless accommodations are discussed with your student's teacher.

Prior to testing

- Be sure you have the following information from your school: The Kindergarten Readiness web address (URL), your student's username and password, and the monitor password (if appropriate).
- Schedule enough time for the test so your student isn't feeling rushed.
- Ensure a quiet testing area that is free from distractions.
- Check that your computer audio is set appropriately and that you have working headphones available.
- Share the practice video with students the day before they take the test. Select the video that matches how your student will be taking the test.
 - [Using a keyboard, mouse, or trackpad](#)
 - [Using a tablet](#)
- Discuss with your student the importance of doing their best in order for their teachers to know how to best help them in class.

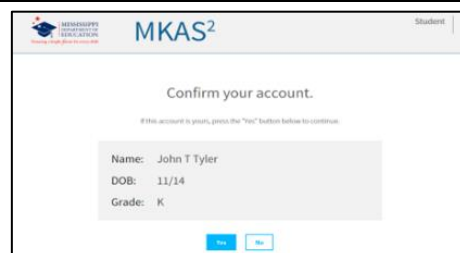
Login Steps

1. Open an internet browser and connect to the [Kindergarten Readiness](#) portal
2. Look at the student authorization ticket
3. Enter the student's 9-digit MSIS number (or temporary ID)
4. Enter the student's date of birth
5. Enter the Test Administrator Code
6. Click Login



The screenshot shows the 'Kindergarten Readiness' portal. At the top left is the Mississippi Department of Education logo with the tagline 'Ensuring a bright future for every child'. The page title is 'Kindergarten Readiness'. Below the title is the 'Student Login' section. It contains a text input field for 'MSIS Number or Temporary Student ID' with a note: 'Enter your 9-digit MSIS number or Temporary Student ID including leading zeros.' Below this is a 'Date of Birth' section with 'Month' and 'Day' dropdown menus. Underneath is a text input field for 'Test Administrator Code'. At the bottom are 'Login' and 'Cancel' buttons.

Confirm that the account listed is correct for the student and click Yes.



The screenshot shows the 'MKAS² Student' portal. The main heading is 'Confirm your account.' Below it is a note: 'If the account is yours, press the "Yes" button below to continue.' A grey box displays the account details: 'Name: John T Tyler', 'DOB: 11/14', and 'Grade: K'. At the bottom are 'Yes' and 'No' buttons.

After the test instructions have been read to the student and the student is ready to begin the test they will click on the Star Early Literacy icon.

