



**Better together.**

**Core Belief #1**

We believe each student can learn at or above grade level and will have an equal opportunity to do so.

**Commitment #1**

Each student will learn at or above grade level and have an equal opportunity to do so.

**Core Belief #2**

We believe family and community involvement is critical to student success.

**Commitment #2**

We will foster connections for families and community to support student learning.

**Core Belief #3**

We believe all learning environments should be supportive, safe, and secure.

**Commitment #3**

All school environments will be supportive, safe, and secure.

**Core Belief #4**

We believe effective teachers and leaders produce excellent results.

**Commitment #4**

We will recruit, support, retain, and recognize results-driven teachers and leaders.



# **HENRY COUNTY SCHOOLS**

## **A PARENT'S GUIDE to**

### **GKIDS READINESS CHECK**

#### **What is GKIDS Readiness Check?**

The GKIDS Readiness Check is a component of GKIDS, the state mandated kindergarten assessment, and measures how prepared a child is for school - socially, intellectually, physically, and emotionally. Administered during the first six weeks of school, the goal of the GKIDS Readiness Check is to provide information about the skills of students in the following areas:

- English Language Arts
- Mathematics
- Foundation of School Success



#### **What is the purpose of the GKIDS Readiness Check?**

The primary purpose of the GKIDS Readiness Check is to highlight knowledge and skills critical for student success in learning and to guide classroom instruction. The GKIDS Readiness Check will provide information that allows kindergarten teachers to individualize student instruction and meet the needs of all learners.



#### **What types of questions are on the GKIDS Readiness Check?**

Instead of questions, the GKIDS Readiness Check is made up of activities designed to allow some flexibility for the teacher during administration. For some skills, teachers may observe student performance during the course of regular classroom instruction. For others, teachers may administer the activities one-on-one, in small group, or whole group settings. There are a total of 20 activities your child's teacher may use to assess the student.



## When do students take the assessment?

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The GKIDS Readiness Check will be administered in the first six weeks of kindergarten. This six-week window will vary across districts, depending on the start date of the school year. Teachers may administer the GKIDS Readiness Check activities at any time during this window.



GKIDS Readiness Check student reports are distributed at the end of the 1st quarter as the 1st report card.

## What can I do to help my student?

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Engaging in learning activities with your child at home can help prepare your child for kindergarten. Reading books, talking, playing games, and social interactions all support children's learning and development.

Once your child has completed the GKIDS Readiness Check, your child's teacher will share the results and discuss ways to collaborate in supporting your child's learning and development. The individual student report will summarize your child's performance in Foundations of School Success, English Language Arts, and Mathematics. The report will also detail how your child performed on each of the 20 activities.

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The GKIDS Readiness Check website provides information on the GKIDS Readiness Check and includes videos, resources, and activity ideas to help you support your child at home.

**<https://schoolwires.henry.k12.ga.us/Page/126594>**

To help your child with early language and literacy development, learn more about each skill by going to: **[bit.ly/GKIDSELA](https://bit.ly/GKIDSELA)**

To help your child with the mathematics skills assessed in the Readiness Check, go to:

**[bit.ly/GKIDSMATH](https://bit.ly/GKIDSMATH)**

To help your child's approach to learning, social and emotional development, and physical development and motor skills, visit: **[bit.ly/GKIDSFFOUNDATIONS](https://bit.ly/GKIDSFFOUNDATIONS)**