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## MEMORANDUM NO. 2016-101

**TO:** School District Superintendents  
Elementary School Principals  
Kindergarten Teachers

**FROM:** Brent Bacon, Chief Academic Officer

**DATE:** September 6, 2016

**SUBJECT:** WDE453 Kindergarten Readiness Data Collection

## WDE453 KINDERGARTEN READINESS DATA COLLECTION

The fall WDE453 Data Collection, Instructional Foundations for Kindergarten assessment (IF-K), administration window will be from September 22, 2016 - October 21, 2016. School districts that provide a preschool program must submit data through either the IF-K or the Children's Progress Academic Assessment (CPAA) in accordance with [W.S. §21-4-302\(e\)](#).

Per statute, the school readiness and academic performance of pupils who participate in preschool programs as compared with those who do not is reported to the WDE biennially, in the fall and spring. The fall collection includes kindergarten students who participated in preschool the previous year. The spring collection includes students who are currently enrolled in preschool. This memo is in reference to the fall collection only.

In previous years, the IF-K included nine foundation areas and was utilized to support instruction, facilitate transition from preschool to kindergarten, and identify level of student readiness for the kindergarten curriculum. This assessment was modified in 2015-16 to include only five key areas identified in readiness research:

1. Representation
2. Language
3. Relationships and Self-Regulation
4. Social Problem Solving
5. Science

In order to provide improved psychometric and reliable data, the CPAA will also be administered as an option for the collection of this data. Dates for the administration window and training will be announced once finalized. The CPAA will assess the following key academic areas:

1. Reading
2. Geometric and Algebraic Math
3. Number and Operations

Additional information about the WDE453 data collection can be found at [edu.wyoming.gov/data/dcs/](http://edu.wyoming.gov/data/dcs/), by clicking on the WDE453 link.

To access the site for data submission, go to [www.ddehome.com/IFK-5](http://www.ddehome.com/IFK-5). Principals and teachers who set up an account in previous years may access the data collection with the same email address and password. New kindergarten teachers may set up an account through their building principal. New account set up instructions will be emailed to elementary school principals.

Those not currently offering a preschool program also have the option of collecting the Kindergarten readiness data. If interested, contact Jennifer Hiler at [jennifer.hiler@wyo.gov](mailto:jennifer.hiler@wyo.gov) to obtain access.

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*For questions regarding the IF-K or CPAA, please contact Jennifer Hiler at [jennifer.hiler@wyo.gov](mailto:jennifer.hiler@wyo.gov) or at 307-777-2925.*

*For support or technical assistance for the IF-K, please contact Carol Ogle at [carol@datadrivenenterprises.com](mailto:carol@datadrivenenterprises.com) or at 303-255-3226.*