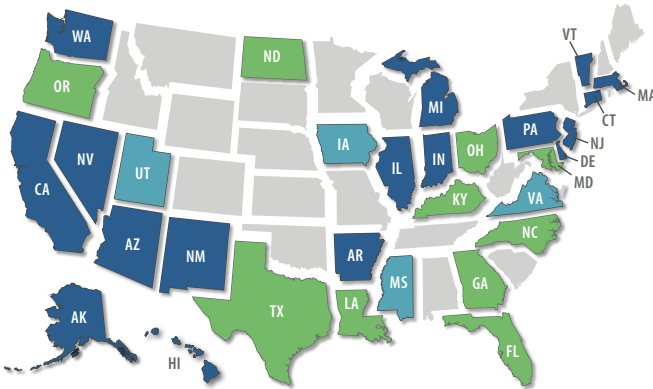


Pre-Kindergarten Assessment Tools

- 1** Direct Assessment
- 17** Observation-based Assessment
- 3** Combination Assessment



Kindergarten Assessment Tools

- 4** Direct Assessment
- 17** Observation-based Assessment
- 10** Combination Assessment

Removal and Addition of Approved/Recommended Assessments

Some states do not have one particular pre-kindergarten or kindergarten-entry assessment but, instead, provide a list of approved or recommended assessments. Below is a list of states that have modified their list of assessments since September 2015.

- Arkansas's state-funded preschool program (Arkansas Better Chance [ABC]³), which provides services for children from at-risk or low-income families, has switched from using the Denver I assessment to using the Denver II.
- Pennsylvania⁴ removed BRIGANCE Early Childhood Developmental Inventory and Riverside Assessments from its list of approved assessment tools and added Teaching Strategies GOLD.
- Wisconsin⁵ removed ASQ-SE, BRIGANCE, Early Screening Inventory (ESI), and Galileo Preschool Assessment Scales from its list of recommended assessments and added Work Sampling System, Hawai'i Early Learning Profile (HELP), and Focused Portfolios.

3 Arkansas Better Chance: <http://humanservices.arkansas.gov/dcece/Pages/ArkansasBetterChanceResources.aspx>

4 Pennsylvania: http://www.education.pa.gov/Early_Learning/Early_Learning_Standards/Pages/default.aspx

5 Wisconsin: <http://www.collaboratingpartners.com/curriculum-assessment-child-assessment.php>

Preschool Development and Expansion Grants

In this most recent scan, CSAI began augmenting the state summaries with information about whether states have received funding under the U.S. Department of Education's Preschool Development Grant program, which includes both development and expansion grants. Development grants support states that do not have a Race to the Top—Early Learning Challenge grant and whose publicly funded preschool programs serve less than 10 percent of 4-year-olds statewide. Expansion grants support states that have been awarded a Race to the Top—Early Learning Challenge grant and whose publicly funded preschool programs serve more than 10 percent of 4-year-olds statewide. The states in the following table have received either a development or expansion grant.

TYPE OF GRANT	AWARDED STATES
Development	Alabama, Arizona, Hawai'i, Montana, Nevada
Expansion	Arkansas, Connecticut, Illinois, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Jersey, New York, Rhode Island, Tennessee, Vermont, Virginia

For detailed information about states' pre-kindergarten and kindergarten assessment systems, please read the full report on the [CSAI website](#).



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