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TO: Educational Service District Superintendents
School District Superintendents
School District Business Managers
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School District Assessment Coordinators
School District Early Learning Coordinators

FROM: Chris Reykdal, Superintendent of Public Instruction

RE: Washington Kindergarten Inventory of Developing Skills (WaKIDS)
Training Requirements

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PURPOSE/ BACKGROUND

This bulletin provides information about the training requirements associated with the administration of the Washington Kindergarten Inventory of Developing Skills (WaKIDS), a requirement of state-funded, full-day kindergarten (RCW [28A.150.315](#)).

WaKIDS 101 is the one-time training required for all kindergarten teachers new to WaKIDS in 2019–20, including certificated special education teachers who provide instruction for kindergarten students with disabilities. If the responsibility of instruction is shared by multiple teachers, it is necessary that each teacher be trained.

Teachers must have attended a WaKIDS 101 training in order to administer each of the three components of the WaKIDS kindergarten entry transition process: Family Connection, Whole-child Assessment, and Early Learning Collaboration.

Beginning in July 2019, the WaKIDS 101 training will change from a two-day, in-person training to a hybrid training consisting of a one-day, in-person training hosted at each of the educational service districts across the state, followed by a six-hour online course through Canvas. Teachers will have two weeks from the date of the in-person training to complete the online training.

By the end of WaKIDS 101, and with completion of Interrater Reliability certification, teachers will be prepared to begin implementing WaKIDS. With the new training model, teachers will also have the option to remain involved in the online community in Canvas throughout the year for continued learning and support with WaKIDS and full-day kindergarten.

OSPI will monitor completion of both sections of the WaKIDS 101 training. Districts will be notified if teachers do not complete the required training. Teachers who do not complete both the in-person and the online sections of the training will not be permitted to conduct WaKIDS.

Districts will be reimbursed through iGrants, at a rate of \$360 for new teachers who will conduct WaKIDS in 2019–20 to participate in both the in-person and online training sections of the WaKIDS 101 training. If a teacher is on contract when participating in WaKIDS 101, the district is eligible to receive \$170 to apply toward the cost of providing a substitute for eligible teachers in attendance. Additionally, districts may claim funding, at a rate of \$120 per teacher, to reimburse teachers new to WaKIDS in the 2019–20 school year who complete Interrater Reliability certification by September 30, 2019. The rate of compensation districts pay teachers may vary in accordance with districts' policies and bargaining agreements. Districts will be notified about available funding through iGrants in October 2019.

Trainings are taking place this summer at each educational service district in the state. Visit the OSPI [Events and Training page](#) for links to training information.

INFORMATION AND ASSISTANCE

Detailed information about all components of WaKIDS may be found on the [WaKIDS website](#).

For questions regarding this bulletin, please contact Amber Havens, WaKIDS Assessment Coordinator, at 360-725-6180 or email amber.havens@k12.wa.us. The OSPI TTY number is 360-664-3631. This bulletin is also available on [OSPI's Bulletins website](#).

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