

State-Wide Response Data from the Early Childhood Readiness Assessment Survey



This report was prepared in response to a South Carolina state-wide survey of public pre-school teachers in grades K4 and K5. The survey was distributed electronically to 100 teachers throughout South Carolina. The accompanying analysis of data was obtained from 32 participants who represented a response rate of 32 percent. The survey was distributed in order to obtain response data from classroom teachers whose opinion was sought in the development of an Early Childhood Readiness Assessment. This draft report was prepared on March 8, 2005.

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FINDINGS

- **How long have you been teaching (in general)?**

Descriptive Statistics

| | N | Minimum | Maximum | Mean | Std. Deviation |
|------------------------|----|---------|---------|-------|----------------|
| Years General Teaching | 32 | 1 | 32 | 13.03 | 8.232 |
| Valid N (listwise) | 32 | | | | |

- **How long have you been teaching preschool (K4 or K5)?**

Descriptive Statistics

| | N | Minimum | Maximum | Mean | Std. Deviation |
|---------------------------|----|---------|---------|------|----------------|
| Years Pre-school Teaching | 32 | 1 | 25 | 8.59 | 5.786 |
| Valid N (listwise) | 32 | | | | |



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- Are you certified by the state of South Carolina in Early Childhood?

Frequencies

| | Frequency | Percent | Cumulative Percent |
|-----------|-----------|---------|--------------------|
| Valid Yes | 29 | 90.6 | 90.6 |
| No | 3 | 9.4 | 100.0 |
| Total | 32 | 100.0 | |

- How do you believe school readiness is best measured?

Frequencies

| | Frequency | Percent | Cumulative Percent |
|---|-----------|---------|--------------------|
| Valid Teacher observation | 3 | 9.7 | 9.7 |
| Observing social interaction/play | 5 | 16.1 | 25.8 |
| Parent survey/inventory checklist | 2 | 6.5 | 32.3 |
| Previous years teacher/caregiver survey | 1 | 3.2 | 35.5 |
| Assess reading readiness | 3 | 9.7 | 45.2 |
| Measure previous exposure to literature | 4 | 12.9 | 58.1 |
| Assess child's self-discipline | 2 | 6.5 | 64.5 |
| Work sampling | 3 | 9.7 | 74.2 |
| Not with SCRA | 3 | 9.7 | 83.9 |
| Develop/measure pre-school standards | 2 | 6.5 | 90.3 |
| Assess literacy skills | 2 | 6.5 | 96.8 |
| Home visits | 1 | 3.2 | 100.0 |
| Total | 31 | 100.0 | |

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- What would you consider to be one of the most important skills or behaviors a child possess to show readiness for school?

Frequencies

| | Frequency | Percent | Cumulative Percent |
|--|-----------|---------|--------------------|
| Valid Ability to follow directions | 8 | 7.9 | 7.9 |
| Ability to work/play cooperatively | 11 | 10.9 | 18.8 |
| Ability to follow simple directions | 4 | 4.0 | 22.8 |
| Ability to listen/attend to a simple story | 7 | 6.9 | 29.7 |
| Positive self-image | 3 | 3.0 | 32.7 |
| Ability to write/recognize their name | 2 | 2.0 | 34.7 |
| Display respect for rules/others | 6 | 5.9 | 40.6 |
| Visual discrimination between colors and shapes | 5 | 5.0 | 45.5 |
| Visual discrimination between numbers and letters | 10 | 9.9 | 55.4 |
| Mastery of verbal language milestones | 10 | 9.9 | 65.3 |
| Experience of having been read to | 6 | 5.9 | 71.3 |
| Evidence of curiosity | 6 | 5.9 | 77.2 |
| Ability to use crayon, pencil, and scissors w/o assistance | 3 | 3.0 | 80.2 |
| Knowledge of numbers/letters | 14 | 13.9 | 94.1 |
| Age appropriate cognitive milestones | 1 | 1.0 | 95.0 |
| Self care skills (bathroom, hand washing) | 5 | 5.0 | 100.0 |
| Total | 101 | 100.0 | |

* The 101 responses indicate that more than one skill or behavior per participant was recorded.

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