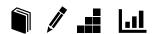
My**Teaching**Strategies[®]

GOLD User Guide for Administrators





Welcome to MyTeachingStrategies® – the single entry point for all Teaching Strategies digital classroom solutions. MyTeachingStrategies® offers one online location for accessing many of the digital tools, resources, and support that, together, make up what we know to be the essential pieces of high-quality classroom practice: teaching and assessing, reporting, ongoing professional development, and engaging with families.

This guide was written to support your use of *GOLD* with detailed, screen-by-screen guidance. From logging in and setting up your classroom plans, to gathering documentation and pulling reports, we'll walk you through each step.

We hope you'll find this guide helpful as you get started and continue to use this resource whenever you have questions about *GOLD*. And if you need technical support, representatives are available by e-mail and phone, Mondays through Fridays, 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. EST/EDT. A representative may be reached at +1 866-736-5913 or by emailing support@teachingstrategies.com. Self-service guidance is also available through the *MyTeachingStrategies*® Support Portal at https://teachingstrategies.force.com/portal/s/.

Let's get started!

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My**Teaching**Strategies®

Getting Started



Accessing MyTeachingStrategies®

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Signing In

Before you sign in, make sure you have the username and temporary password that you received by email from Support@TeachingStrategies.com for your MyTeachingStrategies® account.

To log in, go to TeachingStrategies.com and click the LOGIN button at the top, right-hand side of the screen.

When the sign-in screen appears, enter your username and temporary password. Then click SUBMIT.

Forgot Password / Username

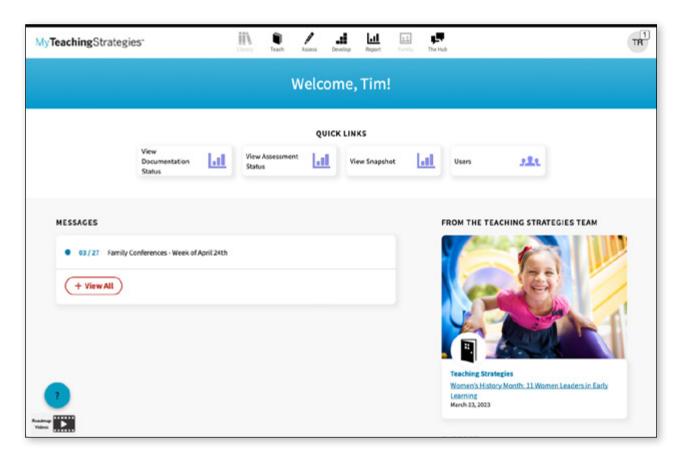
Use the FORGOT PASSWORD? and FORGOT USERNAME? links if you forget your information. Your username and a link to reset your password will automatically be sent to the email address in your profile.

For security reasons, the temporary password will expire 12 hours after it's sent, so please log in as soon as you receive the email.



Navigating MyTeachingStrategies®

When you sign into MyTeachingStrategies®, you will be taken to your personal DASHBOARD. The dashboard provides important personalized communications to help you get the most out of your MyTeachingStrategies® digital tools.



Navigation Bar



At the top of the page you'll find the NAVIGATION BAR with links to the 7 main areas of MyTeachingStrategies®: Library, Teach, Assess, Develop, Report, Family, and The Hub.

To the far-right of the navigation bar you'll also find your class identifier, indicating which class you are currently viewing (if you manage or have access to a class), and the PROFILE ICON marked with your initials that opens your personal settings. Here you can check your messages, manage your user profile, manage your classes, access Administration tools, toggle to a different classroom, or log out.

Later in this guide we'll provide details for each of these functions.

Click the MyTeachingStrategies® logo from any page to navigate back to your dashboard.

Quick Links

Under the navigation bar, you'll see your QUICK LINKS. These icons provide you with quick access to frequently used features within MyTeachingStrategies®.



Summary of Your Daily Plans

If you are an administrator who also teaches a class, to the right of your dashboard you'll see a summary of your daily plan. If information has been added in the Teach area, your information will dynamically populate in this area each day. Click VIEW MY WHOLE DAY at the bottom of this panel to access the PLANNING CALENDAR within the Teach area.

Messages

Below your Shortcuts are your personalized MESSAGES, under the header "These items need your attention." These include messages you have sent as an administrator.

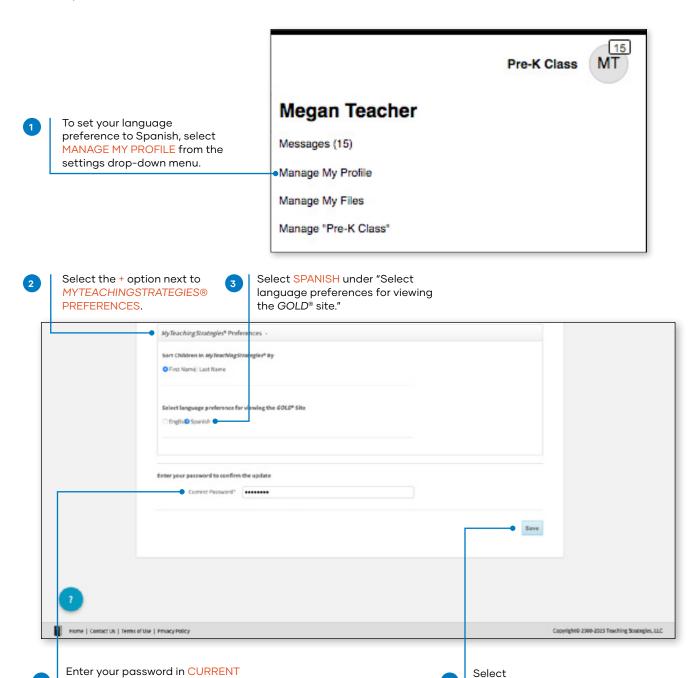


Help

In the bottom left-hand corner of your screen is the HELP BUTTON icon. Select this option to access the MyTeachingStrategies® Support Portal.

Setting Your Language Preference to Spanish

You can set the language preference of your MyTeachingStrategies® interface to Spanish in your user profile.



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Settings



Manage My Profile

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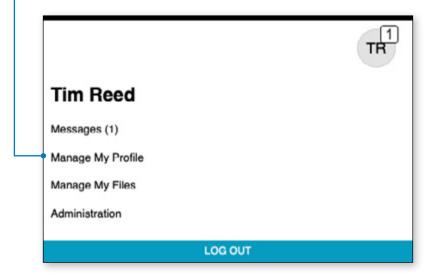
Settings

Click the PROFILE ICON to access your messages, manage your user profile, manage your classes, access Administration features, toggle to a different classroom, or log out.



Manage My Profile

To update your profile settings, select MANAGE MY PROFILE from the settings drop-down menu. Here you will be able to update your personal information, change your username or password, view security questions, and manage your organization's messages.



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Administration

MyTeachingStrategies® is organized to give administrators different levels of access according to their roles in their organizations. Administrators may be granted access at the organizational, program, or site level. An organizational level administrator will have access to all of the data for their entire organization. A program or site administrator has access only to the data for their respective program or site.

The Administration area is where you set up programs, sites, and classes; add children and users; establish goals; add messages; and manage license settings.

Please note: Your assigned level of administrative access determines which links you see in the Administration sub-navigation.



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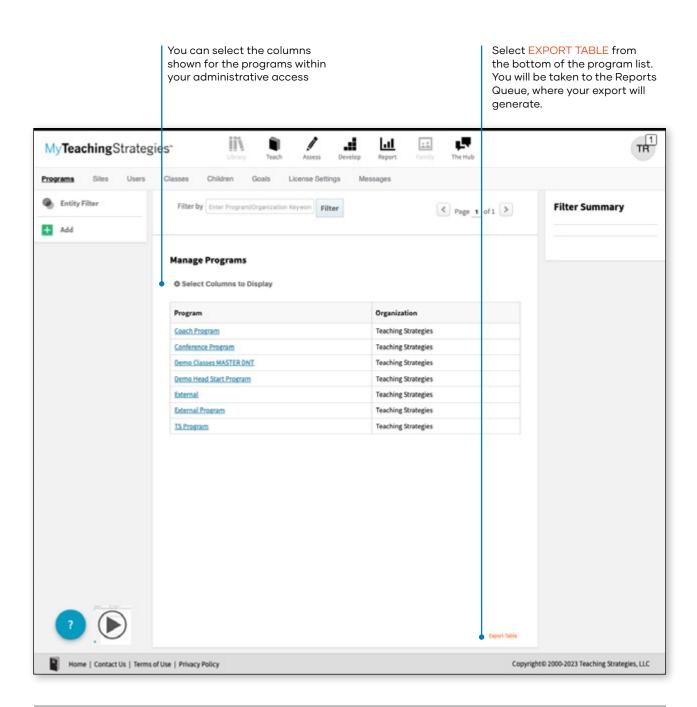
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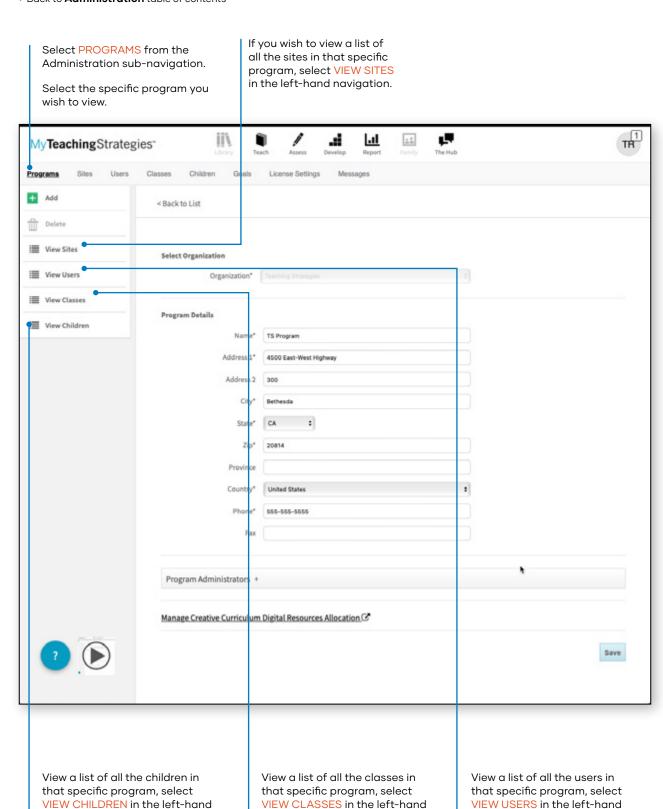
The Programs area enables you to add new programs and manage or delete your existing programs. The main Programs screen provides an overview of the programs in your organization.

The ability to add a program in MyTeachingStrategies® is dependent upon the type of license you have. Districts or programs that subscribe to GOLD® in MyTeachingStrategies® under a larger agency umbrella are not able to add new programs. Adding new programs is limited to standard administrators with organization-level access.



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Sites

The Sites area enables you to add new sites and manage or delete your existing sites. The main Sites screen provides an overview of the sites in your organization.

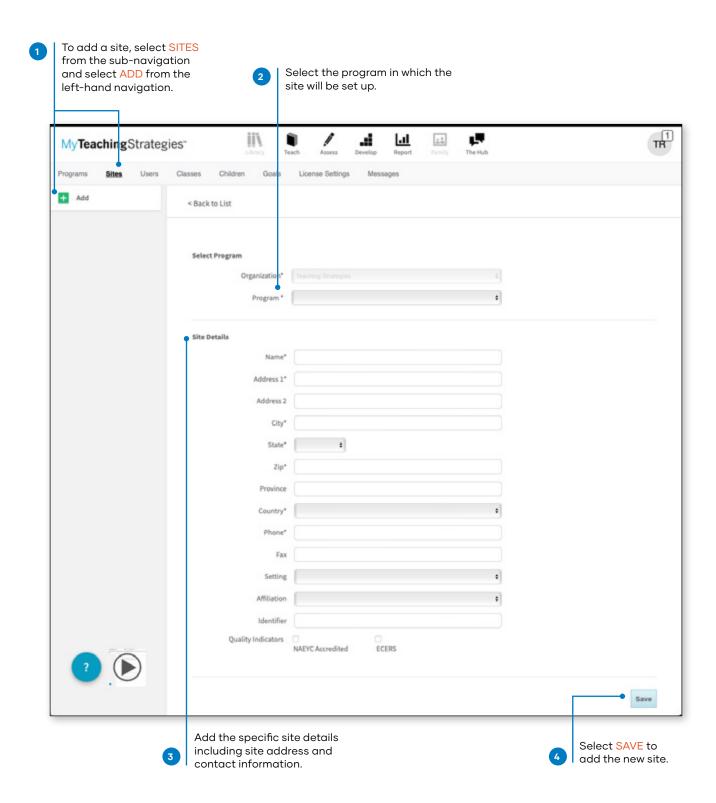


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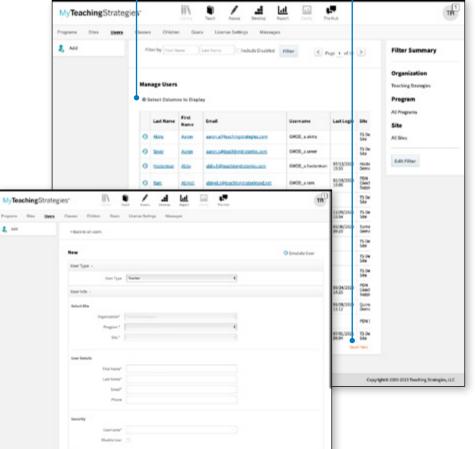
The Users area enables you to add user accounts for your staff, send password reset emails, manage user accounts, and emulate user accounts. The Main Users page includes a filtered list of all user accounts in your administrative access.



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Select EXPORT TABLE from the bottom of the user list. You will be taken to the Reports Queue, where your export will generate

You can select the columns shown for the users within your administrative access.



MyTeachingStrategies® User Types

In MyTeachingStrategies® you'll find several user types to choose from when adding a new user:

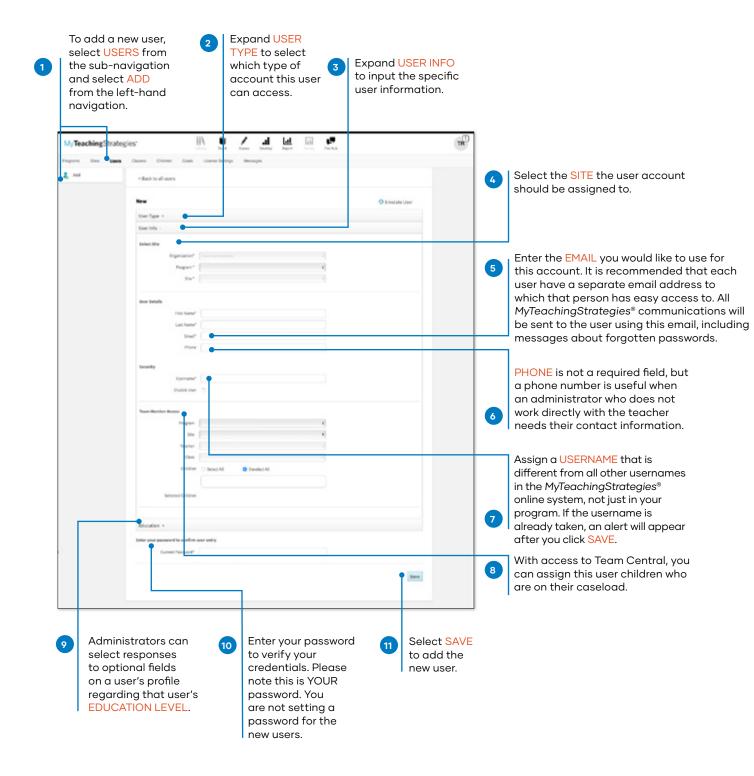
Teacher - this user can have access to classes, allowing them to create weekly plans, add documentation, access professional development, and generate reports. Primary and co-teachers will have the ability to enter and finalize checkpoint ratings, while assistant teachers can view checkpoints but cannot edit.

Administrator – this user can have administrative access over an organization, a program or multiple programs, or a site or multiple sites. As an administrator, this user can have standard access, which allows the user to manage the entities they have access over; view-only (can see child level data) access, which allows the user to view the entities they have access to and generate reports down to the child level; and view-only (cannot see child level data) access, which allows the user to view the entities they have access to and generate aggregate reports down to the class level.

Team Member - this user can have access to individual children, spanning multiple classrooms. Team Members are often specialists who work with specific children instead of entire classrooms.

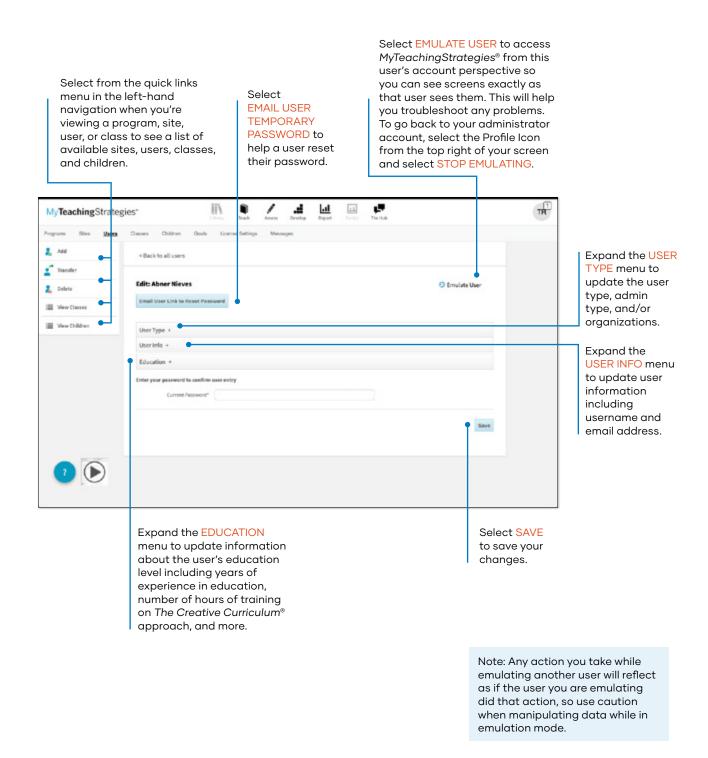
Adding User Accounts

Once the new user account has been created, that user will receive an email from Teaching Strategies providing their username, a temporary password, and information on how to log in to MyTeachingStrategies®.



Managing User Accounts

Within a user profile, you can update user information, provide administrative access, send a user a temporary password, access *MyTeachingStrategies®* as that user, and more. To update or manage a user account, select <u>USERS</u> from the sub-navigation and select the user's name from the User column.

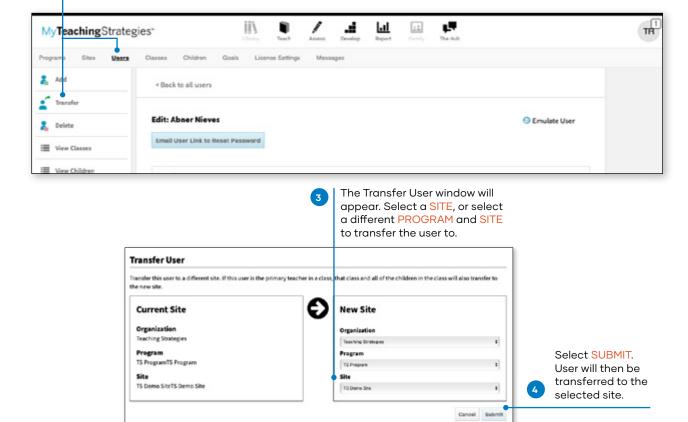


Transfer User

Administrators can transfer users from one site to another by selecting Users in the Administration sub-navigation.

Select a USER record. Select TRANSFER in the left navigation.

Please note: Users will need to be removed as a co-teacher or as an assistant teacher prior to transferring the user. When transferred, any classes the user is a primary teacher for will transfer with them, along with all child records in that class.



Deleting User Accounts

You can delete users if they are not associated with children or classes in MyTeachingStrategies®.

Before deleting a user, first reassign all children in the user's class to a different user. Then delete classes for which the user was the primary teacher.



Classes

The Classes area enables you to add classes and manage or delete existing classes. The main Classes page includes a filtered list of all classes in your administrative access.

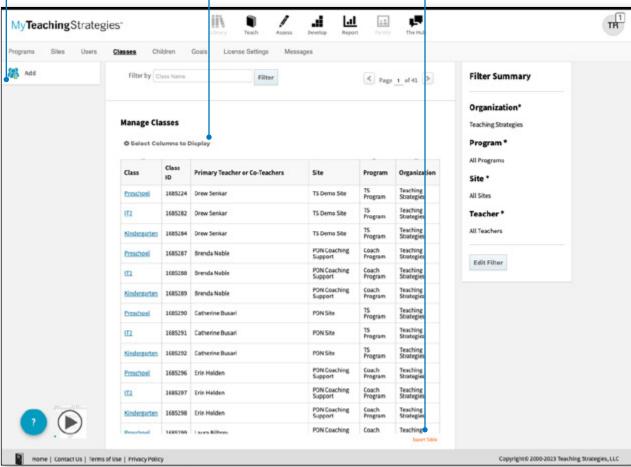


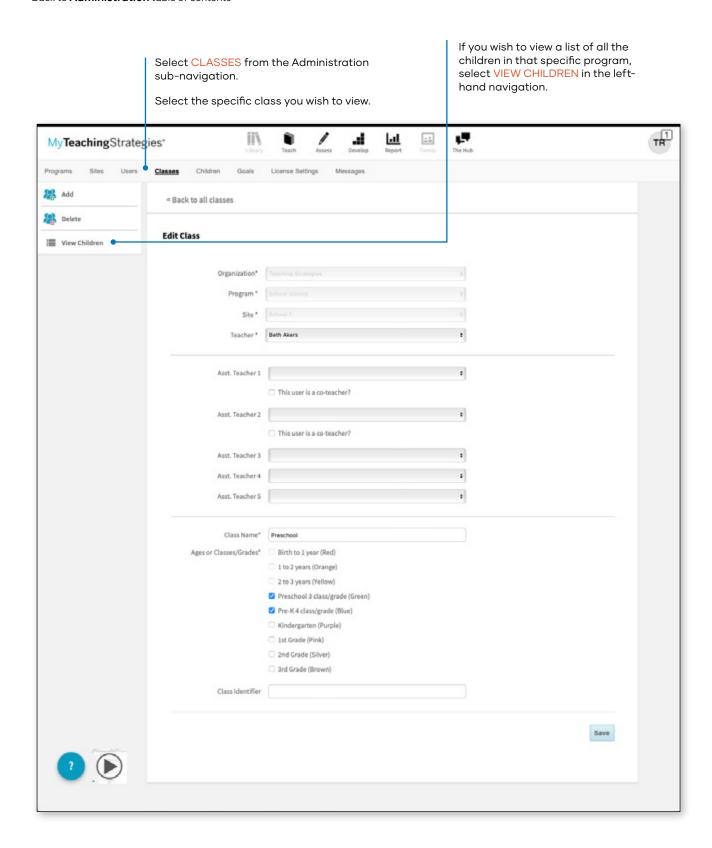
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Filter the main Classes screen by selecting ENTITY FILTER from the left-hand navigation. MyTeachingStrategies* Manage Classes

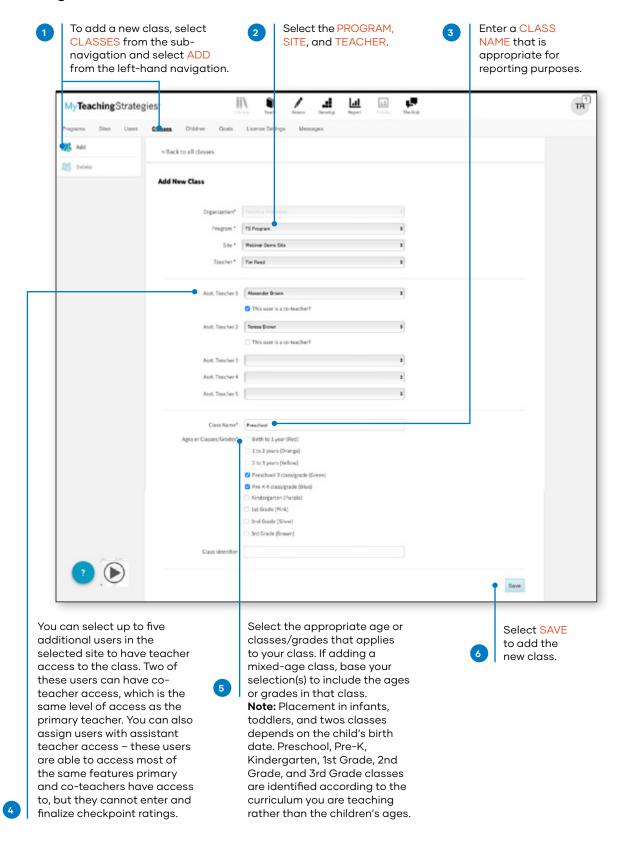
You can select the columns shown for the classes within your administrative access.

Select EXPORT TABLE from the bottom of the class list. You will be taken to the Reports Queue, where your export will generate.





Adding Classes





Managing Classes

Within a class profile, you can update class information, change the primary teacher, assign co-teachers, and more. To edit information for an existing class, select the class name from the main Classes screen.

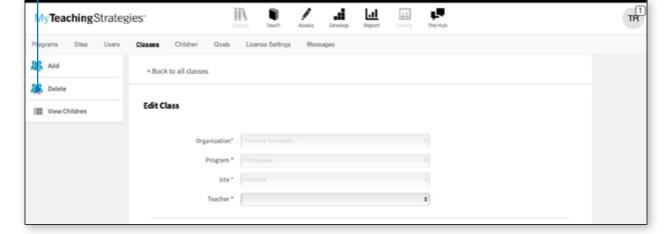
Deleting Classes

You can delete empty classes not associated with any children in MyTeachingStrategies®. Before deleting a class, first reassign all children in the class to a different class. Note: Deleting a class permanently deletes all plans in the Teach area for that class.

Once the class is unaffiliated with any children, select the DELETE button from the left-hand navigation to delete the class.

Archiving vs. Deleting

Archiving children's files allows you to store and reactivate the data at any time. Additionally, many administrative reports can include archived files. Records may be deleted if children are permanently leaving your organization and you do not wish to retain their data. If there is a possibility of a child returning to your organization, or if you wish to report on this year's data in the future, you may want to archive the child's file instead of deleting

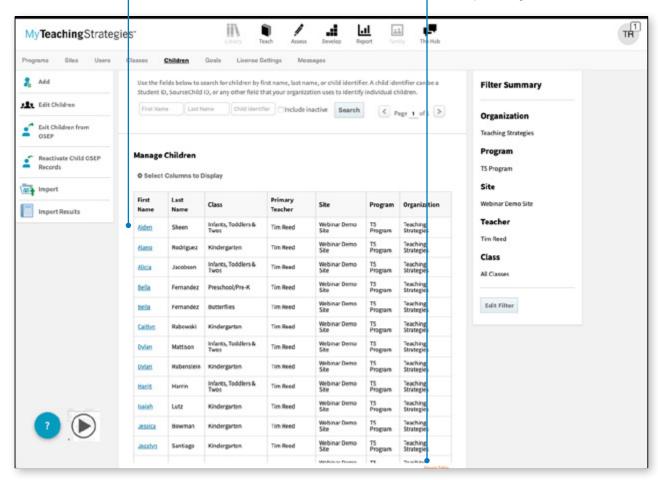


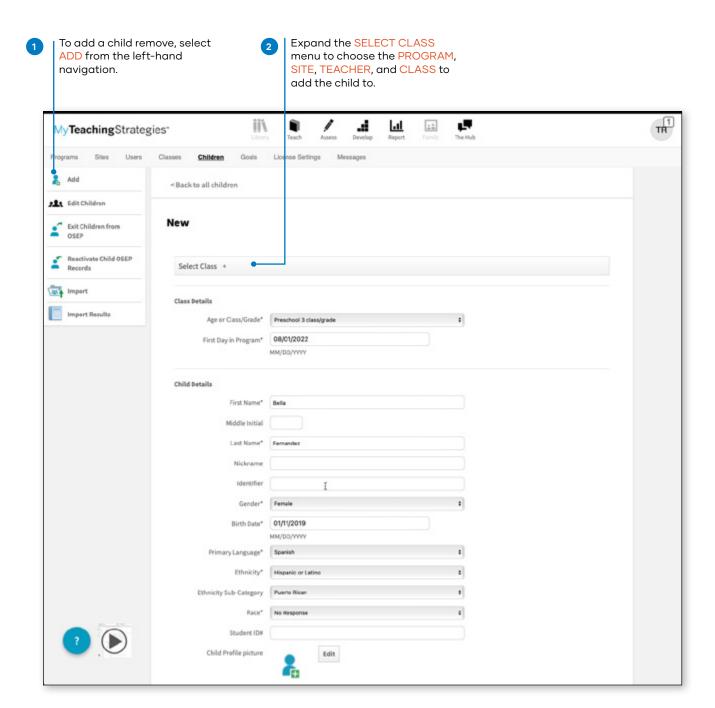
Children

The Children area enables you to add children and manage, transfer, archive, or delete existing child records. The main Children screen provides an overview of the children in your organization, program, or site.

> You can select the columns shown for the children within your administrative access.

Select EXPORT TABLE from the bottom of the child list. You will be taken to the Reports Queue, where the export will generate.



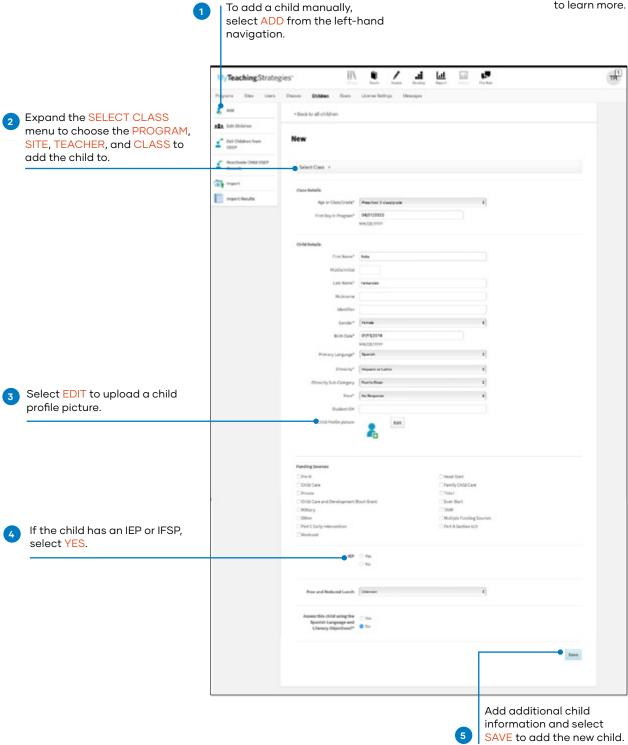


Adding Children

There are two ways to add new children to your organization, program, or site: Manual Add or Import.

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Manual Add



Import Children



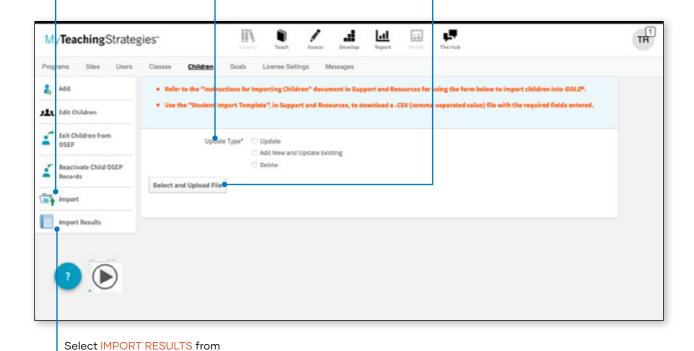
To import multiple children, select **IMPORT** from the left-hand navigation.

Use the **UPDATE TYPE** area to indicate whether you are updating existing records, adding new records and updating existing records, or

archiving records.

Select SELECT AND **UPLOAD FILE** to upload your list.

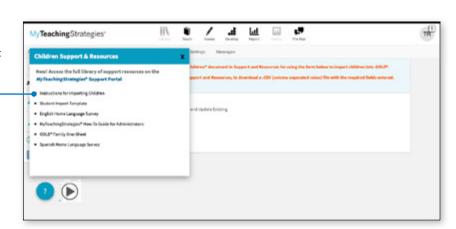
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First, select the Support and Resources icon to download "Instructions for Importing Children" and the "Student Import Template." Next, follow the instructions to complete the import file. Then, select the Import option and upload your completed import file.

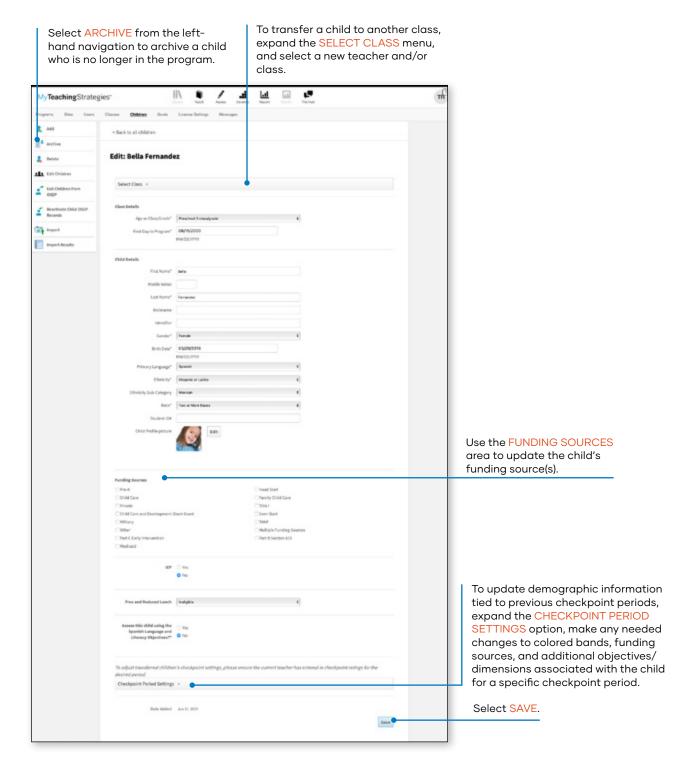
the left-hand navigation to see information on your past

imports.



Managing Children

Within a child profile, you can update child information, transfer, archive, or delete a child record, and more. To edit information for an existing child, select the child's name from the main Children screen.

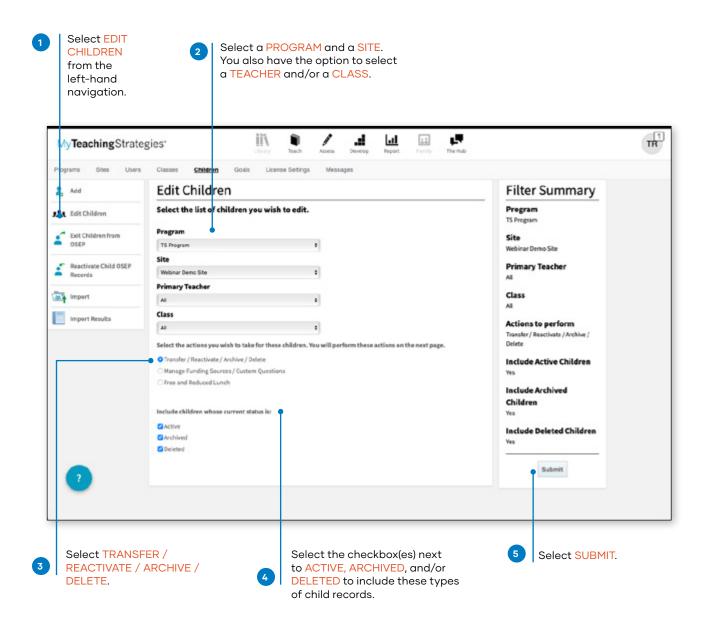


Editing Multiple Child Records at Once

You can edit multiple child records at once, including transferring child records to different classrooms, reactivating archived or deleted child records, archiving active or deleted child records, or deleting active or archived child records.

To edit child records, select CHILDREN from the Administration sub-navigation.

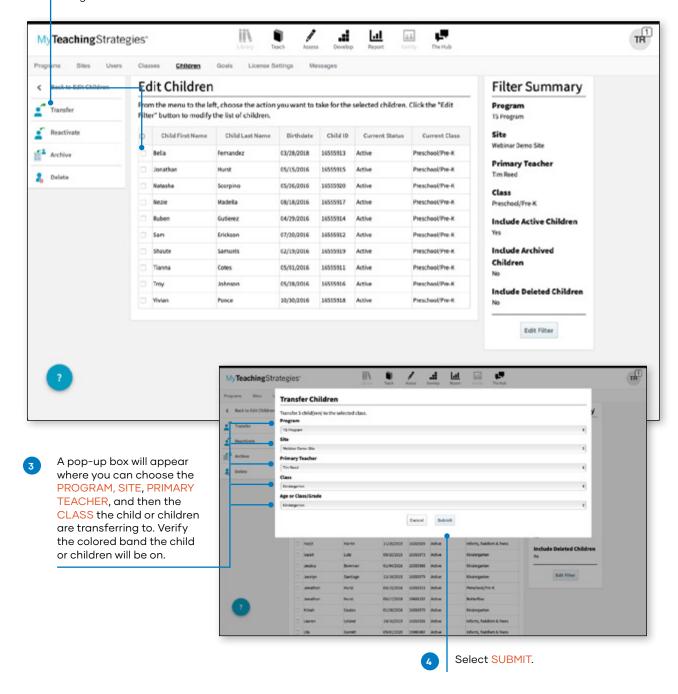
Transfer / Reactivate / Archive / Delete



A list of child records will appear in a table.

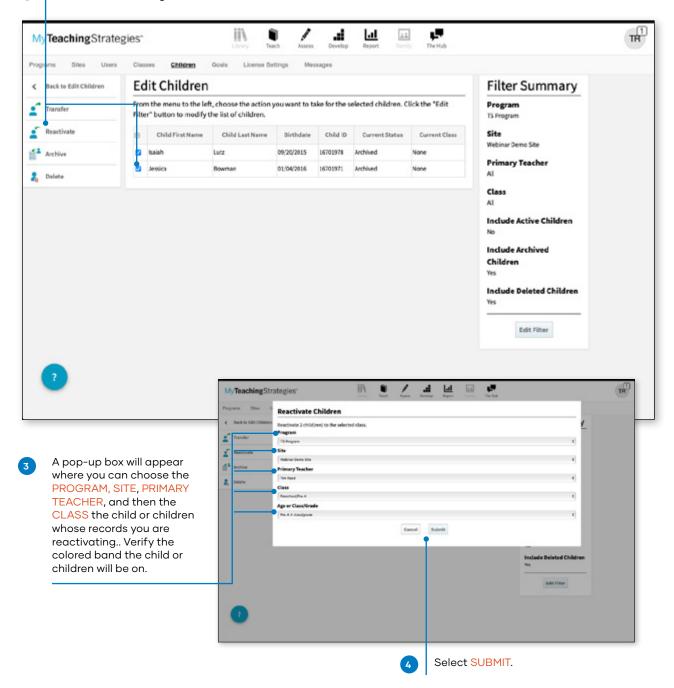
To Transfer

- Select the child records (or all child records) to transfer.
- Select the TRANSFER option in the left-hand navigation.



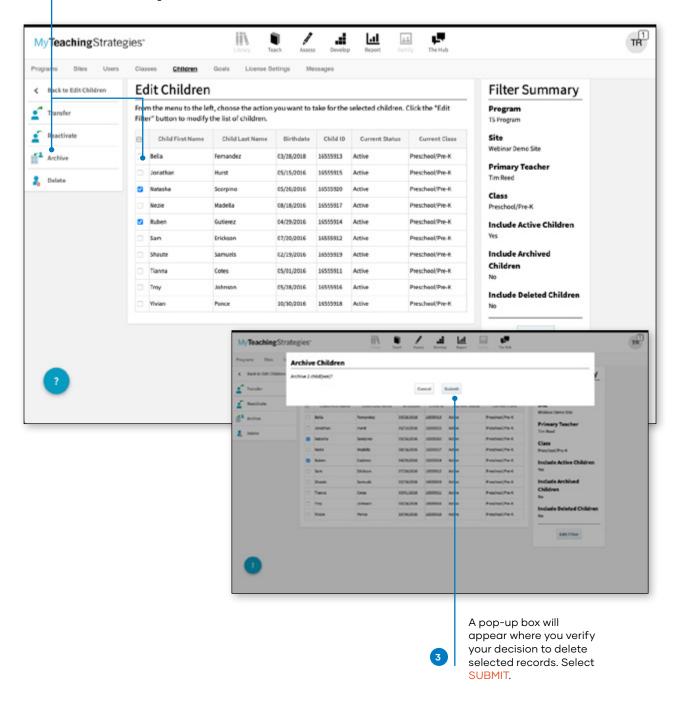
To Reactivate

- Select the child records (or all child records) to transfer.
- Select the REACTIVATE option in the left-hand navigation.



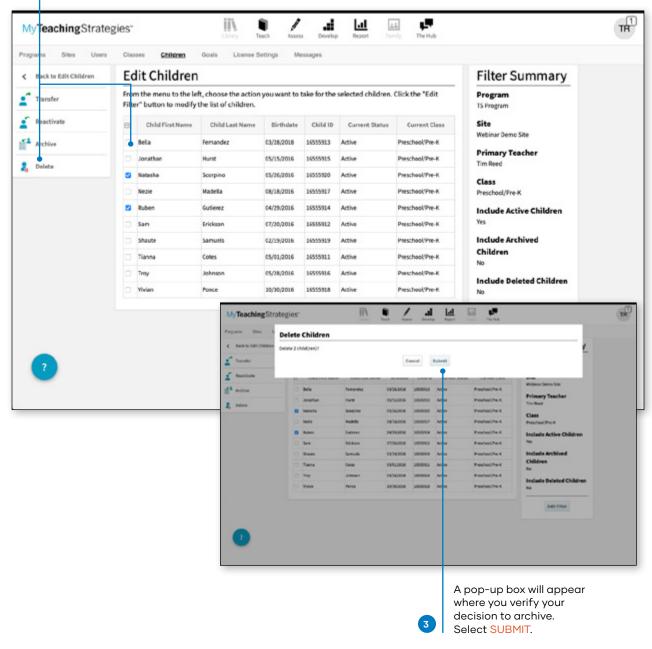
To Archive

- Select a child record or all child records to archive.
- Select the ARCHIVE option in the left-hand navigation.



To Delete

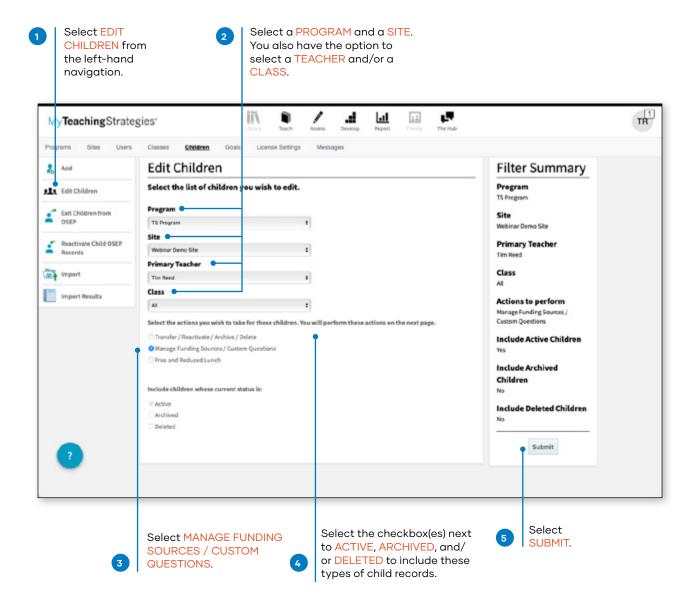
- Select a child record or all child records to delete.
- Select the DELETE 2 option in the left-hand navigation.



Manage Funding Sources / Custom Questions

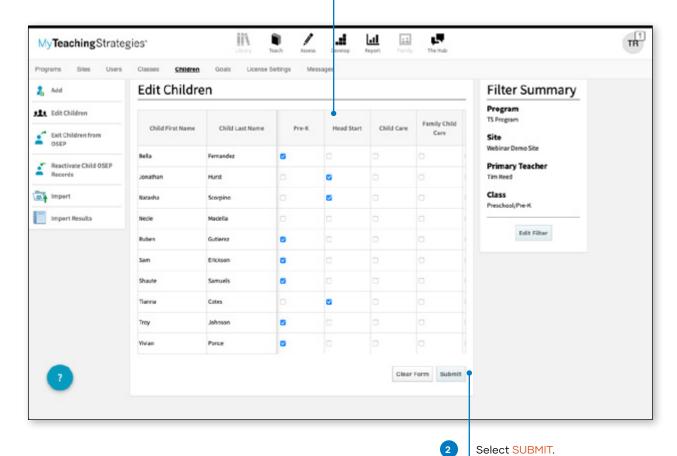
You can manage funding sources and custom questions for child records for an entire site or classroom at one time.

A list of child records will appear in a table with several columns displaying the birthdate, current class, and the various funding sources and custom questions available for child records.





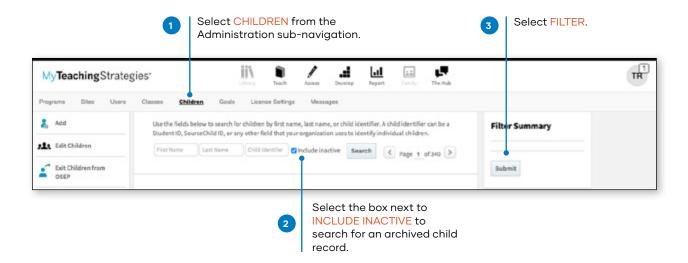
Any saved funding source and custom question selections will appear checked off. Select or deselect funding sources or custom questions.



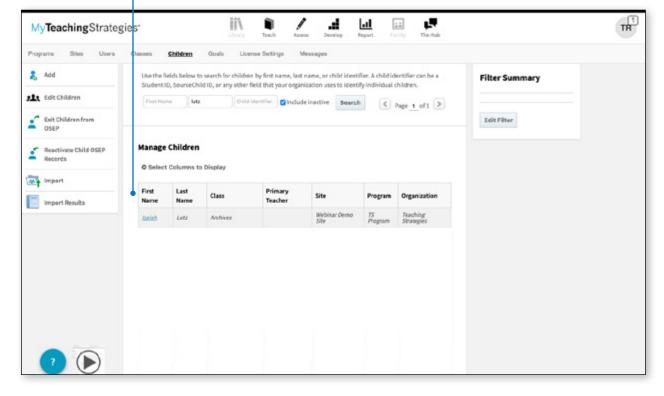


Reactivating Archived and Deleted Child Records

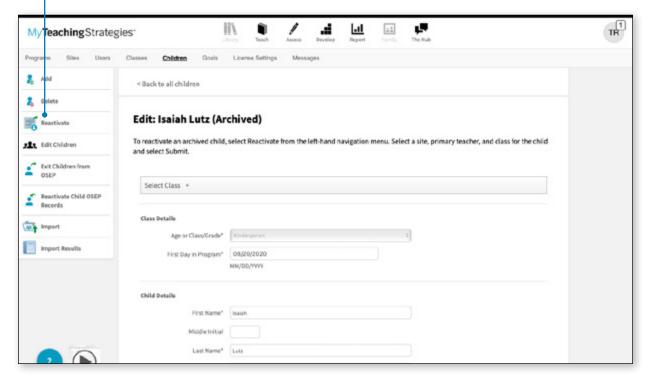
Administrators can reactivate any child records that have been archived or deleted either on the child records page or by using the Edit Children feature. Below you will find how to reactivate archived or deleted child records from the child records page. For information on how to reactivate archived or deleted child records using the Edit Children feature, see the Edit Children section of this guide.

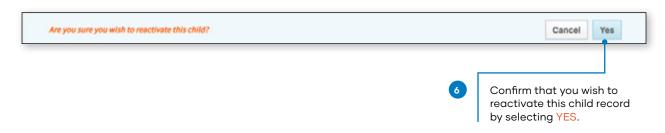


The filtered list of child records will appear, showing inactive child records with a gray background. Select the name of the child record you wish to reactivate.



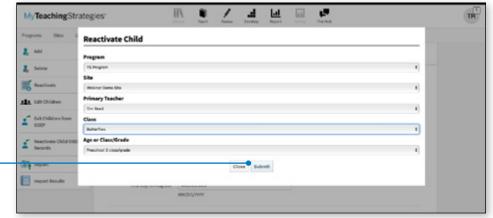






A pop-up box will appear where you can choose the PROGRAM, SITE, PRIMARY TEACHER, and then the CLASS the child or children are transferring to. Verify the colored band the child or children will be on."

Select SUBMIT

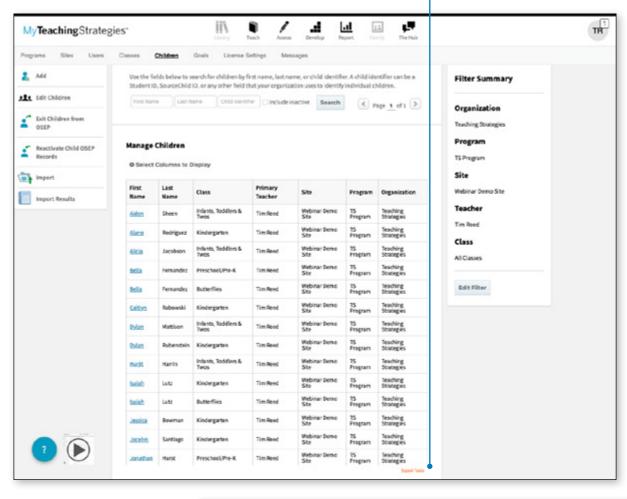


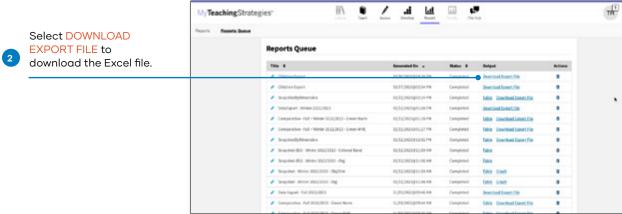
Exporting Child Information

You can export all of your child information into Excel using the export table option.



Select EXPORT TABLE from the bottom of the child list. You will be taken to the Reports Queue, where the export will generate.





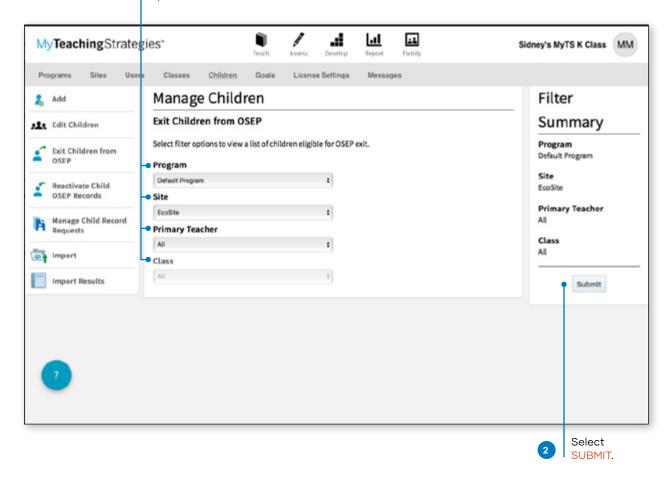
OSEP Management

You can exit child records from IEPs and IFSPs, and reactivate exited child records back into IEPs and IFSPs, using the OSEP management features within the Children section of the Administration area.

Exiting Children from OSEP

To exit a child from OSEP, select EXIT CHILDREN FROM OSEP from the Children left-hand navigation.

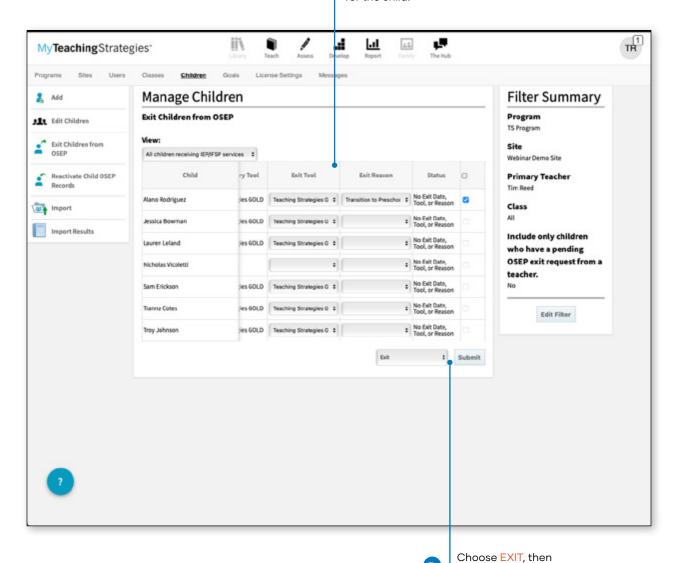
Select a PROGRAM and a SITE. You also have the option to select a TEACHER and/or a CLASS.



A list of child records that include IEPs or IFSPs will appear.

1 Enter an Exit Date, or review the Exit Date that came in via a teacher's Exit Request.

2 Verify the EXIT TOOL and select an EXIT REASON, then select the checkbox for the child.



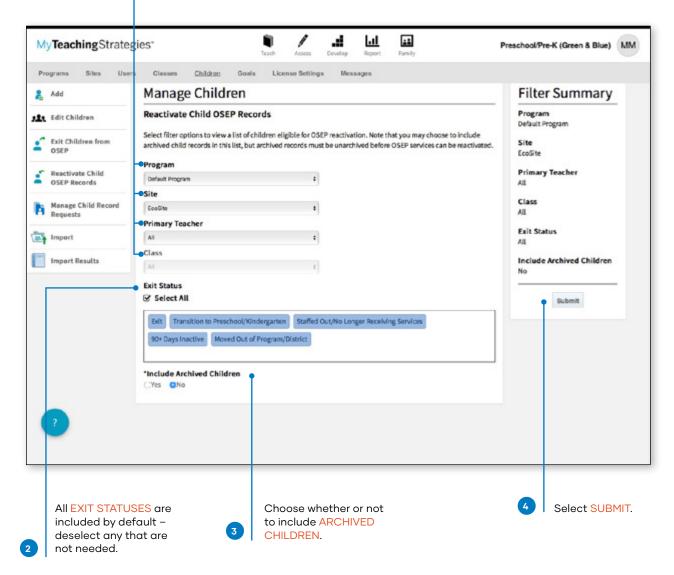


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Reactivate Child OSEP Record

To reactivate a child from OSEP, select REACTIVATE CHILD OSEP RECORDS from the Children left-hand navigation.

Select a PROGRAM and a SITE.
You also have the option to select a TEACHER and/or a CLASS.

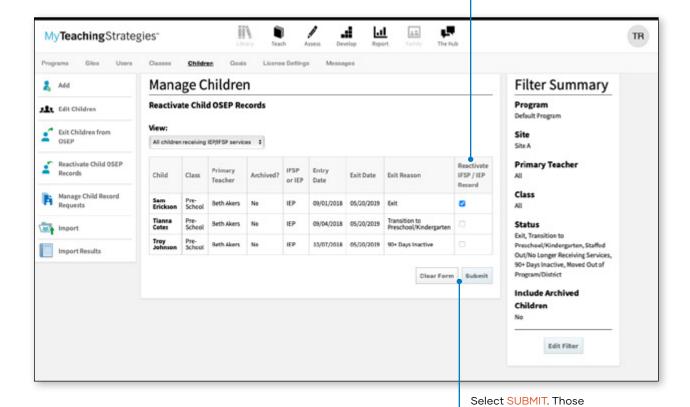


A list of child records will appear that have been exited from an IEP or IFSP.



IEP or IFSP records will be

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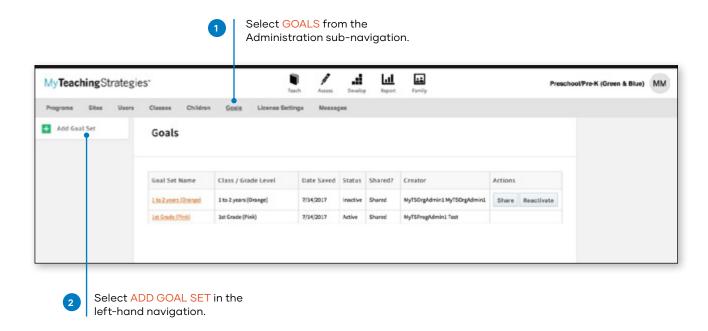


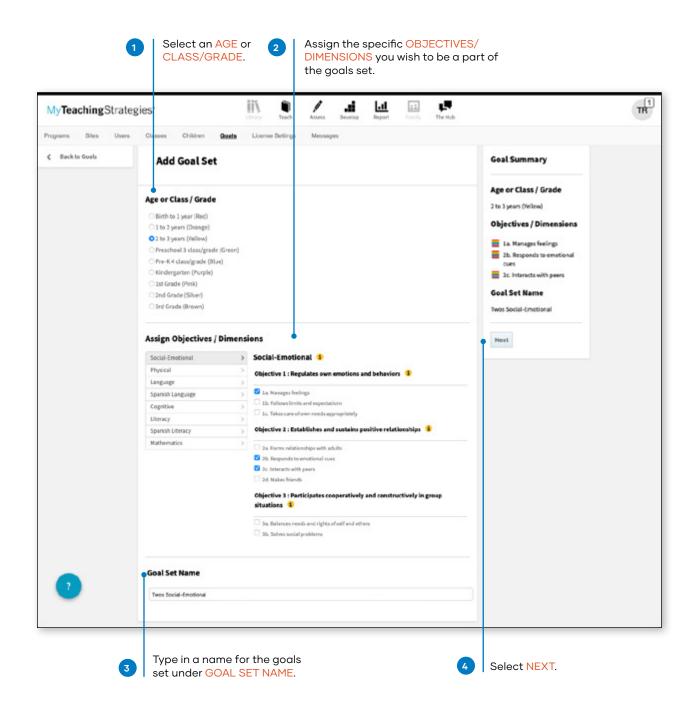
Goals

You can create, edit, and share goal sets to be used on the Goals report. The Goals report allows you to compare child outcomes data to specific year-end goals for your program.

Adding or Editing a Goal Set

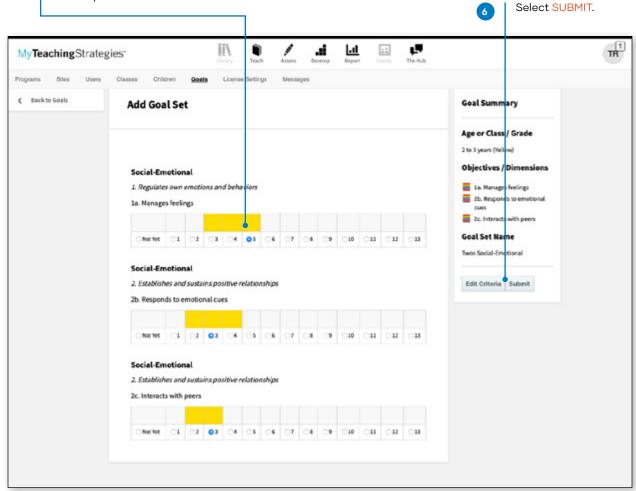
You will find the new goal set listed on the Goals main page.





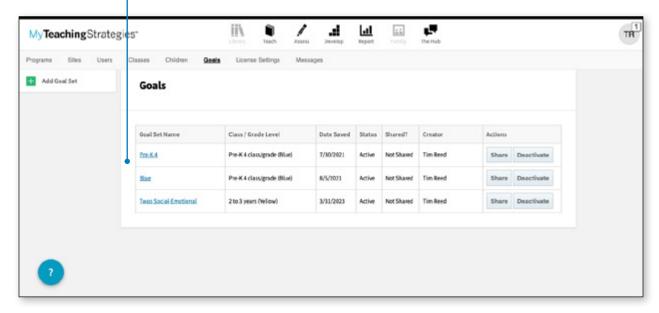


Assign a year-end goal for each of the selected objectives/dimensions by selecting a level along each progression. The colored sections of the progression indicate the widely held expectations range for the selected age or class/grade. The default level selected for each progression is the last level along the widely held expectations for that item.



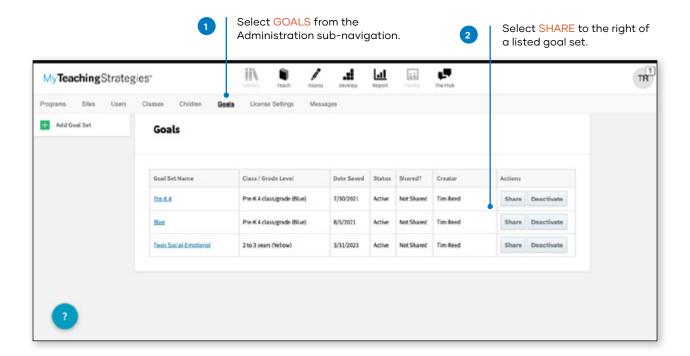
Sharing a Goal Set

To edit this goal set, select the name of the goal set to adjust objectives/ dimensions or selected levels.



You can share goal sets so that other administrators in the license can use the same goal sets when generating the Goals report.

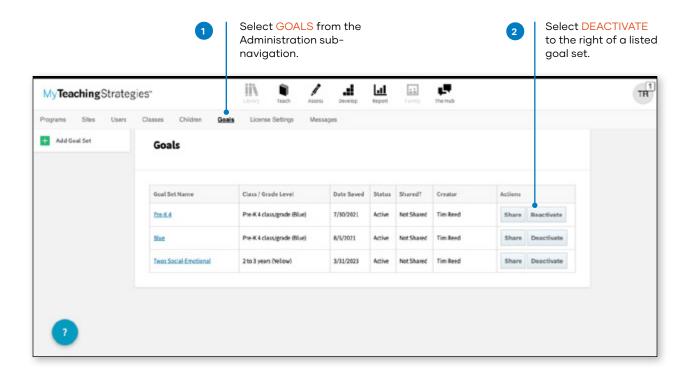
The goal set will be shared with all other administrators in your license, and will be visible on the Goals main page and accessible when generating a Goals report.



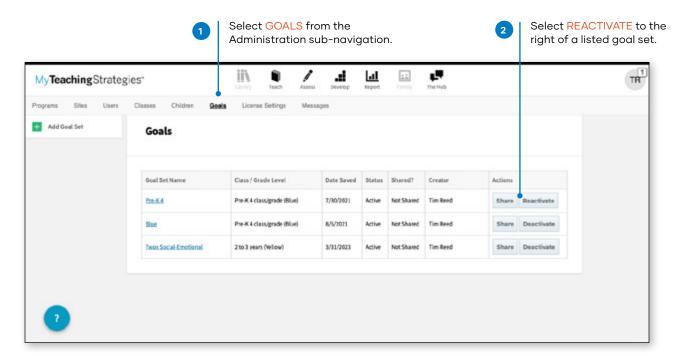
Deactivating a Goal Set

You can deactivate a goal set that you have created so that the goal set is no longer accessible in the Goals report.

That goal set will be deactivated and will no longer be accessible in the Goals report. If the goal set had been shared, the goal set will also no longer be accessible in the Goals report for the other administrators in the license.



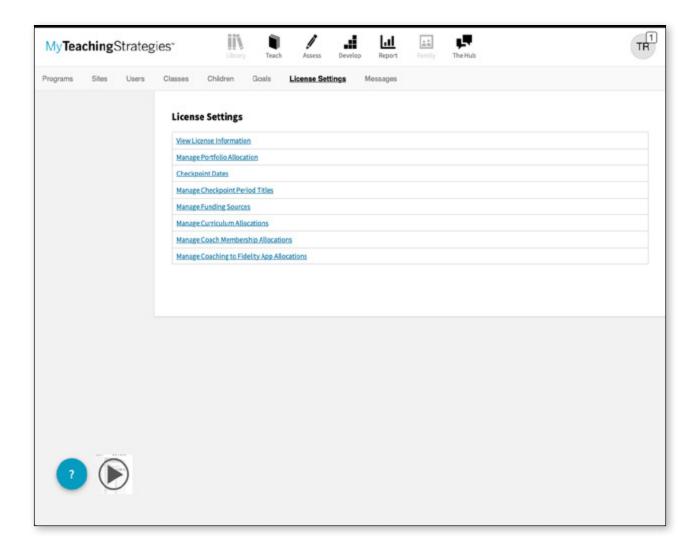
Reactivating a Goal Set



The goal set will once again be accessible in the Goals report. If the goal set had been shared, the goal set will return to being accessible in the Goals report for the other administrators in the license.

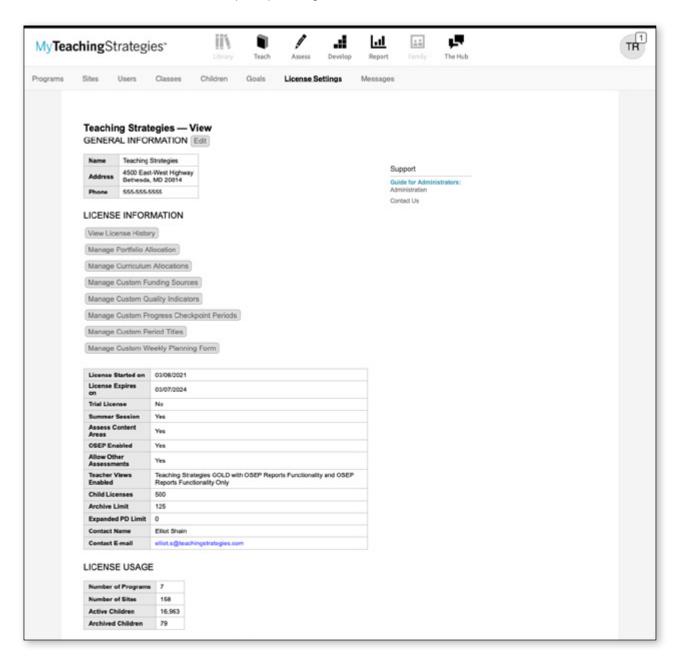
License Settings

The License Settings area enables you to manage your portfolio allocation, set checkpoint dates, manage checkpoint period titles, manage your funding sources, and view your license information. The following pages cover the options listed on the License Settings page (as shown in the screenshot below).



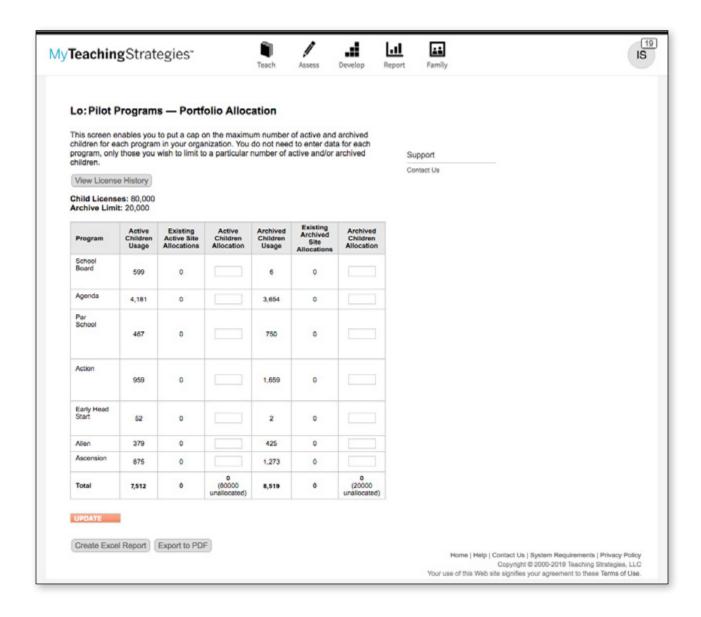
View License Information

This screen lists all license activity for your organization.



Manage Portfolio Allocation

This screen enables you to cap the number of active and archived children for each program in your organization. Using this feature is optional.

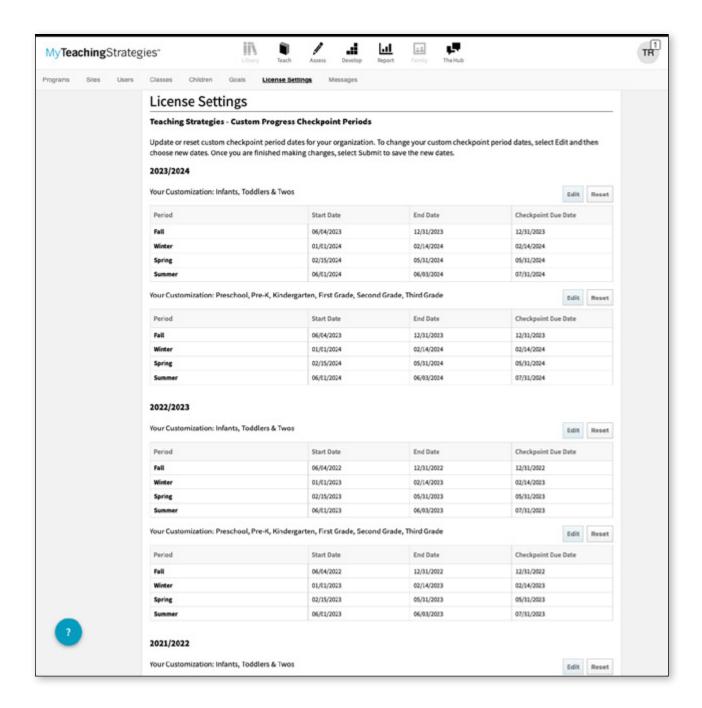


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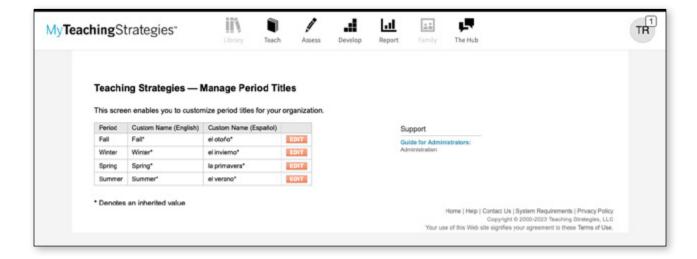


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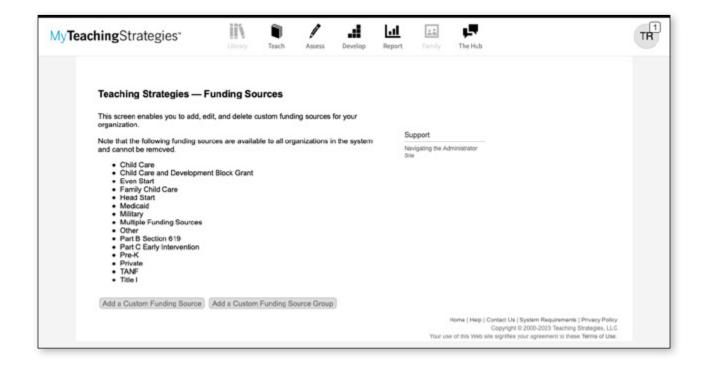
Manage Checkpoint Period Titles

This screen enables you to customize period titles for your organization.



Manage Funding Sources

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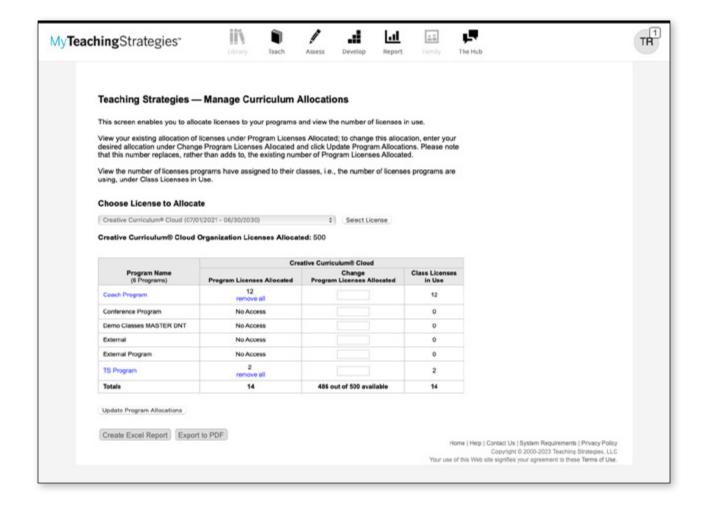


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This page is where administrators can allocate other Teaching Strategies product licenses to classes, including The Creative Curriculum Cloud and Al's Pals digital access. You will need to allocate these licenses in order for your teachers to gain access to these products.



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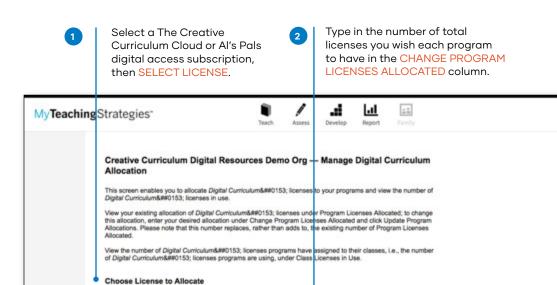


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Allocating to Programs

If you are an organization-level administrator, you will start by allocating licenses to participating programs.



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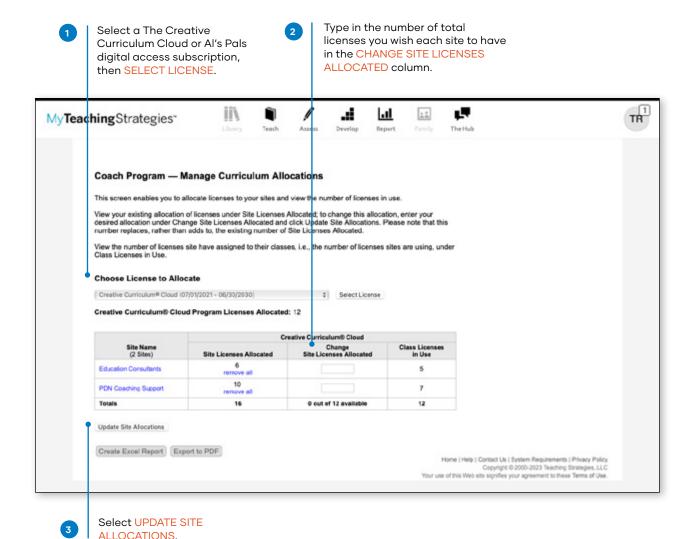
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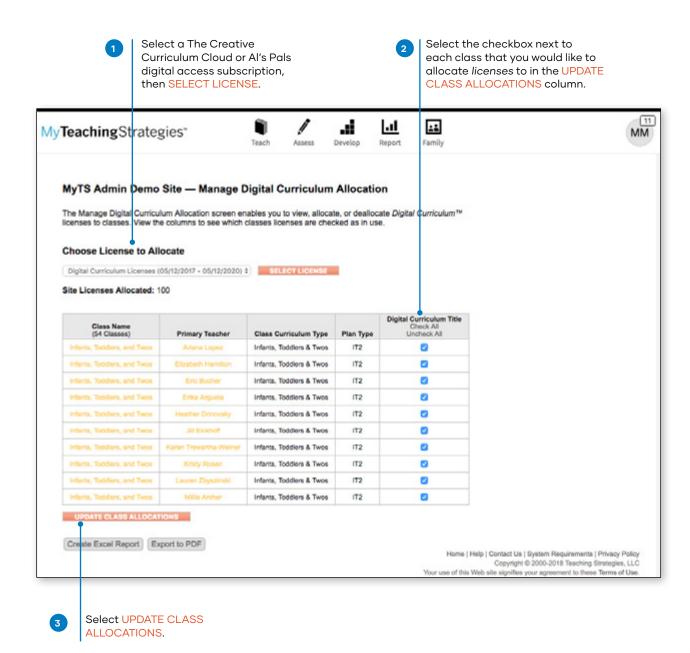
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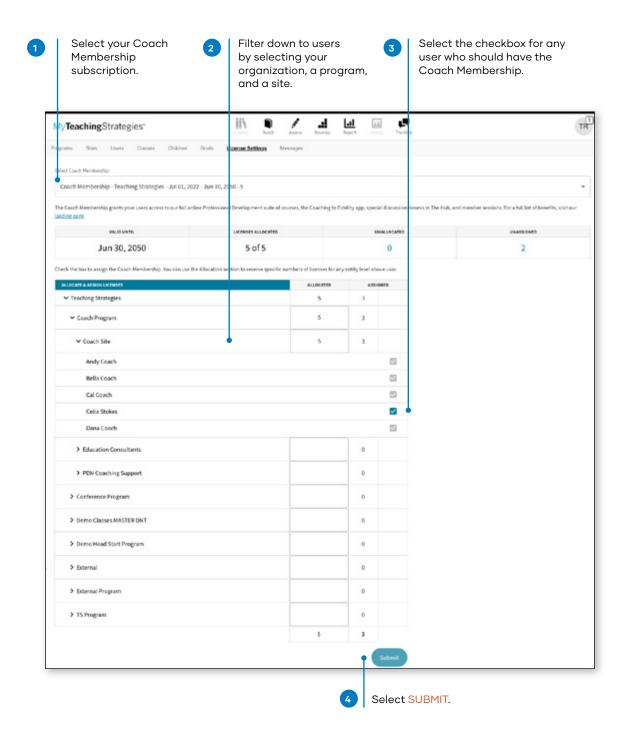
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Allocating Coach Membership Licenses

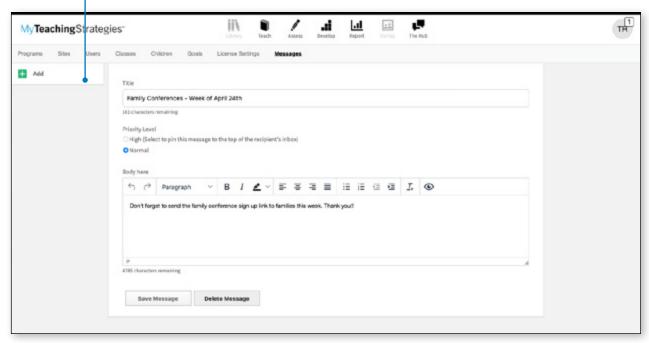
If you have subscribed to the Coach Membership, you can allocate Coach Membership licenses to users to grant them access to the Coaching to Fidelity app, on-demand courses and live virtual classes in Quorum, and the Coaches' Corner in The Hub.

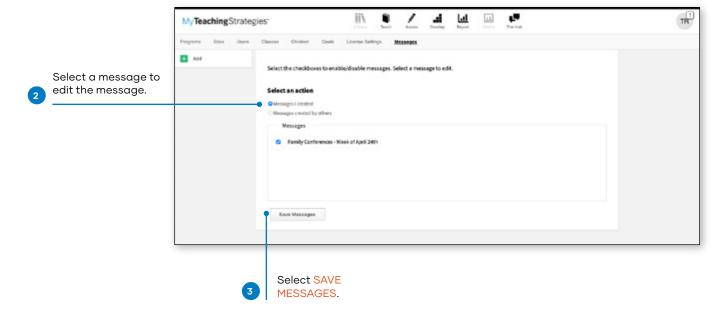


Messages

The Messages page enables you to post messages to the MyTeachingStrategies® dashboard for your staff.

To add a new message, select ADD from the left-hand navigation.





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Weekly Plan Submissions

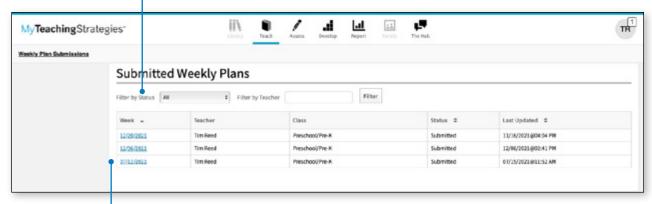
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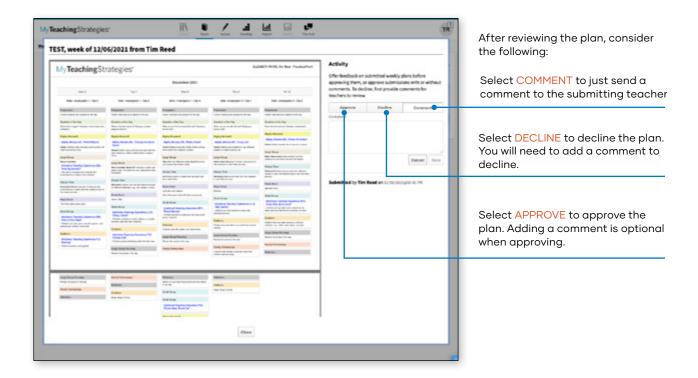
On Weekly Plan Submissions, you can review any weekly plans submitted by teachers in sites you are assigned to as an administrator.

To view a submitted plan, select WEEKLY PLAN SUBMISSIONS from the Teach area subnavigation.

> Use the Filter by Status drop-down menu to filter plans that have a status of SUBMITTED, RESUBMITTED, APPROVED, APPROVED WITH COMMENT, DECLINED WITH COMMENT, or COMMENT ONLY.



To review a submitted plan, select the link to the plan under Week.



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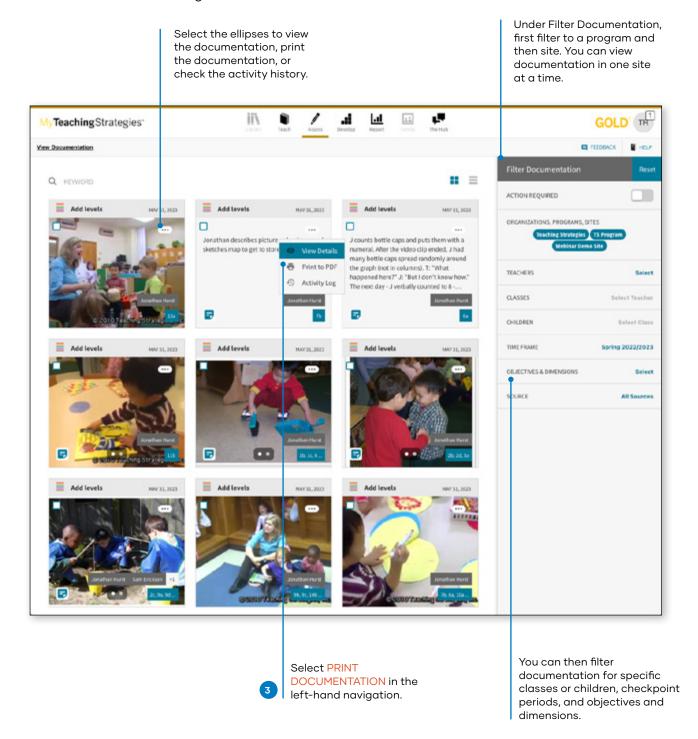
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As an administrator, you can view documentation that has been added by the teachers within your administrative access. To view documentation for a class, select VIEW DOCUMENTATION from the Assess sub-navigation.



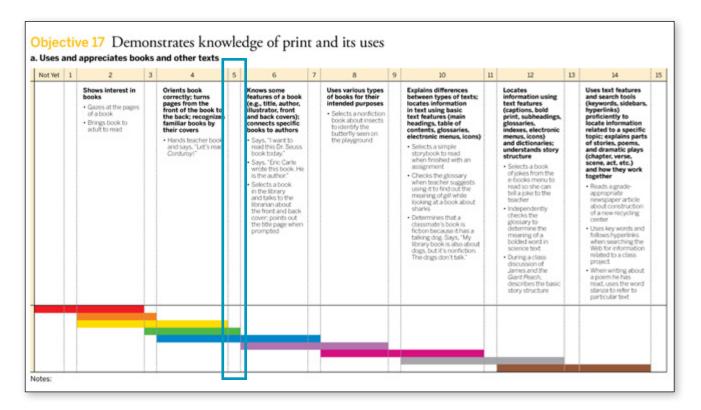
What are raw scores on GOLD reports?

This is an FAQ article on outcome reports available to administrators using GOLD.

Interpreting GOLD outcomes reports requires an understanding of scores related to dimensions, objectives, and areas. This understanding is particularly necessary to read the Snapshot Reports and the Growth (Birth Through Third Grade) Report.

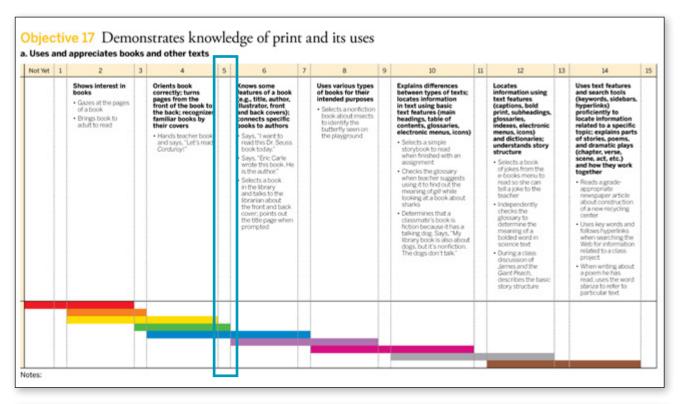
Dimension Scores

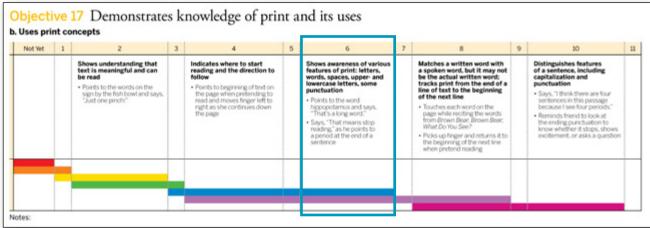
When a child's knowledge, skills, and abilities are evaluated in relation to a dimension, the teacher selects a level along a progression of development and learning. The numerical level is also the score for the dimension. "Not Yet" is a score of 0; level 1 is a score of 1; level 2 is a score of 2; and so on. For example, if Aniyah's knowledge, skills, and abilities are evaluated at level 5 for Objective 17a, they are scored as 5. It is important to note that the progressions differ between objectives, so a level 5 for Objective 17a is not necessarily the same as a level 5 for, say, Objective 1a.



Objective Scores

To calculate a score for a child's knowledge, skills, and abilities as they relate to an objective, GOLD sums the scores for all dimensions of that objective. For example, if Aniyah's knowledge, skills, and abilities are evaluated as being at level 5 for Objective 17a and at level 6 for Objective 17b, they are scored as 11 for Objective 17. Dimensions are not offered for Objectives 4, 5, 6, 13, and 23–38. The score for each of those objectives is the level the teacher identifies for the objective, not the sum of other scores.





Area Scores

To calculate an area score for a child's knowledge, skills, and abilities, GOLD sums the scores for all objectives in that area. For example, if Aniyah's knowledge, skills, and abilities were scored at 11 for Objective 15, 4 for Objective 16, 11 for Objective 17, 10 for Objective 18, and 10 for Objective 19, the raw score for her performance in the area of literacy would be 46.

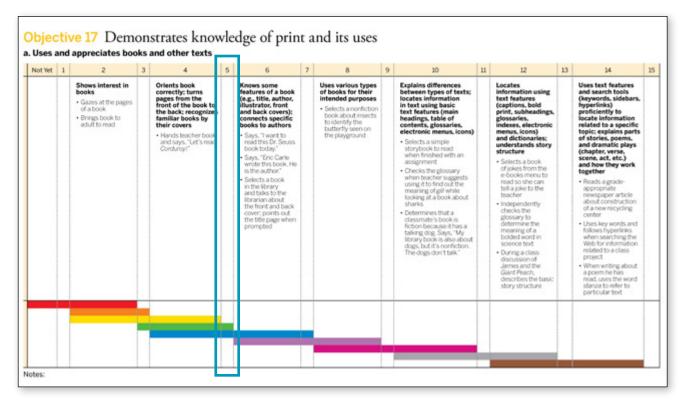
Objectives and Area	Scores for Aniyah's Literacy Knowledge and Skills
Obj. 15. Demonstrates phonological awareness	11
Obj. 16. Demonstrates knowledge of the alphabet	4
Obj. 17. Demonstrates knowledge of print and its uses	11
Obj. 18. Comprehends and responds to books and other texts	10
Obj. 19. Demonstrates emergent writing skills	10
Literacy Area Score	46

What are the raw score ranges of widely held expectations in GOLD reports?

As you review GOLD outcomes reports, it is important to understand ranges of widely held expectations for each dimension, objective, and area. This understanding is particularly necessary to reading the Snapshot Reports and the Growth (Birth Through Third Grade) Report.

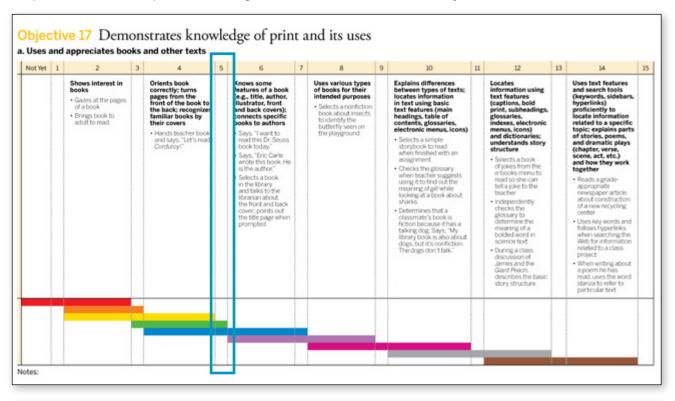
Widely Held Expectations for a Dimension

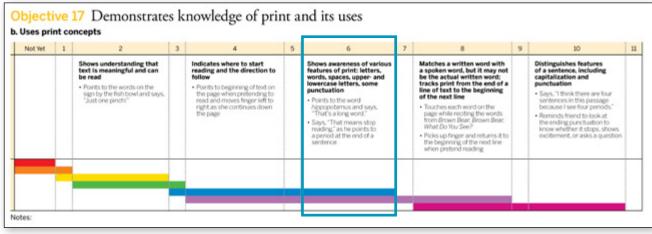
Each progression of development and learning includes colored bands that represent the range of widely held expectations for each age group or class/grade. If a child's knowledge, skills, and abilities are evaluated at a level within the range represented by the colored band for the child's age or class/grade, the child's performance meets widely held expectations for that dimension. For example, if Aniyah is in a pre-K 4 class (represented by the blue colored band) and her knowledge, skills, and abilities are evaluated at level 5 for Objective 17a, her performance meets widely held expectations for that dimension.



Widely Held Expectations for an Objective

To identify the beginning of the range of widely held expectations for an age or class/grade for an objective, GOLD sums the beginning levels of all related dimensions for that age or class/grade. To identify the end of the range of widely held expectations for an age or class/grade for an objective, GOLD sums the ending levels of all related dimensions for that age or class/grade. For example, expectations for the pre-K 4 class/grade (blue colored band) begin at level 4 and end at level 7 for Objective 17a. For Objective 17b, expectations begin at level 3 and end at level 6. Therefore, widely held expectations for Objective 17 in pre-K classes/grades range from (4 + 3) to (7 + 6), or from 7 to 13. The raw score for Aniyah's knowledge, skills, and abilities related to Objective 17 is 11, which falls within the range of 7–13. Her performance meets widely held expectations for the pre-K 4 class/grade (blue colored band) for Objective 17.





Widely Held Expectations for an Area

To identify the beginning of the range of widely held expectations for an age or class/grade in an area, GOLD sums the beginning levels of all related objectives for that age or class/grade. To identify the end of the range of widely held expectations for an age or class/grade in an area, GOLD sums the ending levels of all related objectives for that age or class/grade. For example, for the pre-K 4 class/grade (blue colored band), widely help expectations in the literacy area range from 9-19 for Objective 15, from 4-10 for Objective 16, from 7-13 for Objective 17, from 8-18 for Objective 18, and from 12–21 for Objective 19. Therefore, the range of widely held expectations for literacy is (9 + 4 + 7 + 8 + 12) to (19 + 10 + 13 + 18 + 21), or 40-81. The score for Aniyah's literacy knowledge, skills, and abilities is 46, which falls within the range of 40-81. Her performance meets widely held expectations for the pre-K 4 class/grade for literacy.

Objectives and Area	Widely Held Expectations for Pre-K 4 (Blue Colored Band)	Scores for Aniyah's Literacy Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities
Obj. 15. Demonstrates phonological awareness	9-19	11
Obj. 16. Demonstrates knowledge of the alphabet	4-10	4
Obj. 17. Demonstrates knowledge of print and its uses	7-13	11
Obj. 18. Comprehends and responds to books and other texts	8-18	10
Obj. 19. Demonstrates emergent writing skills	12-21	10
Literacy Area Range (Sums)	40-81	46

Ranges of Widely Held Expectations for Each Age or Class/Grade, by Area

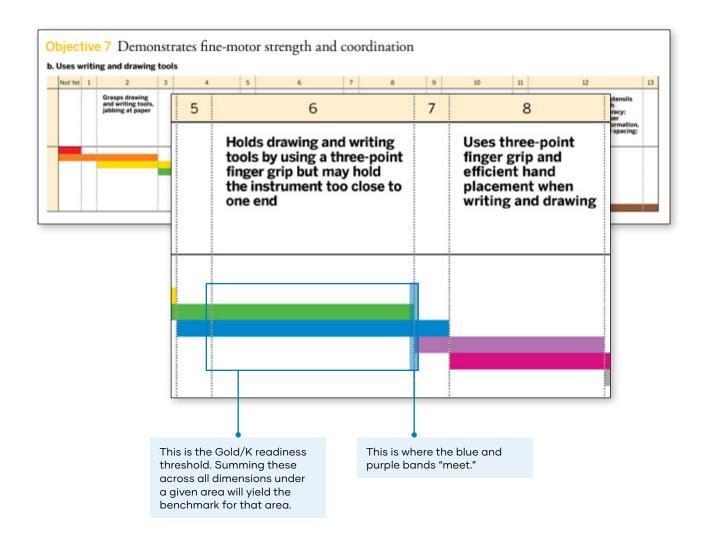
The widely held expectations for each age or class/grade are shown below for the following areas: social-emotional, physical, language, Spanish language, cognitive, literacy, Spanish literacy, and mathematics. You will not see widely held expectations for the areas of science and technology, social studies, the arts, and English language acquisition because research does not yet support the definition of appropriate expectations.

What is Kindergarten Readiness?

Kindergarten Readiness is an outcomes reporting option on the Snapshot Report and the Comparative Report that enables you to measure the readiness of children's knowledge, skills, and abilities as children move from pre-K towards kindergarten or as they enter kindergarten. GOLD Readiness is established for each area by summing the ratings of children's knowledge, skills, and abilities and comparing this total score to the benchmark for the area. They are provided for children in Pre-K 4 (blue colored band, fall through spring) and Kindergarten (purple colored band, fall only) classes. Outcome classification is binary, such that scores at or above the benchmark mean the requisite skills for K-Readiness have been "accomplished," and scores below the benchmark mean the requisite skills for K-Readiness are still "emerging." The benchmarks for each area by assessment version are as follows.

How were those benchmarks determined for each area?

They are based on the sum of the ratings that correspond to the point at which the blue and purple colored bands meet without overlap on each progression. That is the point at which a child is independently and consistently demonstrating skills right below the purple colored band, signifying they will next achieve kindergarten-level skills. Graphically, this means that the child's knowledge, skills, and abilities are at the level just before the kindergarten/purple band begins.



Area	Colored band	Age/Class/Grade	Raw Score Range for "Meeting" WHE		Scaled Score* Range for "Meeting" WHE		Raw Score Cut for "Accomplished"	Scaled Score* Cut for "Accomplished"
			Low	High	Low	High	K-Readiness	K-Readiness
	Red	Birth to 1 year	4	16	110	258		
	Orange	1-2 years	14	30	240	354		
	Yellow	2-3 years	24	39	318	403		
	Green	Preschool 3	34	50	376	463		453
Social- Emotional	Blue	Pre-K 4	46	61	442	522	48	
	Purple	Kindergarten	56	74	494	599	40	
	Pink	1st Grade	74	87	599	674		
	Silver	2nd Grade	87	99	674	747		
	Brown	3rd Grade	96	106	729	805		
	Red	Birth to 1 year	4	12	141	320		
	Orange	1-2 years	12	19	320	428		
	Yellow	2-3 years	18	26	411	518		
	Green	Preschool 3	23	32	482	593		
Physical	Blue	Pre-K 4	29	39	556	668	30	568
	Purple	Kindergarten	35	45	625	726		
	Pink	1st Grade	43	51	710	771		
	Silver	2nd Grade	49	58	757	818		
	Brown	3rd Grade	55	64	798	870		
	Red	Birth to 1 year	3	15	100	258		
Language	Orange	1-2 years	14	29	248	372		
	Yellow	2-3 years	25	39	341	445		
	Green	Preschool 3	34	49	410	524		
	Blue	Pre-K 4	43	58	473	602	46	497
	Purple	Kindergarten	53	65	560	659		
	Pink	1st Grade	65	80	659	746		
	Silver	2nd Grade	81	95	752	814		
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	Red	Birth to 1 year	2	13	75	224		
	Orange	1-2 years	9	27	184	326		
	Yellow	2-3 years	23	39	298	401		
	Green	Preschool 3	36	52	381	481		
Cognitive	Blue	Pre-K 4	46	66	448	563	40	465
	Purple	Kindergarten	59	84	521	642	49	
	Pink	1st Grade	84	100	642	709		
	Silver	2nd Grade	100	118	709	791		
	Brown	3rd Grade	117	132	787	895		
	Red	Birth to 1 year	0	2	0	207		
	Orange	1-2 years	2	13	207	377		
	Yellow	2-3 years	12	28	369	454		
	Green	Preschool 3	26	52	446	509		
Literacy	Blue	Pre-K 4	40	81	487	560	53	511
	Purple	Kindergarten	65	115	533	634		
	Pink	1st Grade	119	142	646	721		
	Silver	2nd Grade	145	163	731	783		
	Brown	3rd Grade	163	181	783	837		
Mathematics	Red	Birth to 1 year	0	2	0	93		
	Orange	1-2 years	2	12	93	239		
	Yellow	2-3 years	10	24	218	320		
	Green	Preschool 3	20	36	298	376		
	Blue	Pre-K 4	35	53	371	446	/0	700
	Purple	Kindergarten	49	72	429	523	40	392
	Pink	1st Grade	73	95	527	627		
	Silver	2nd Grade	95	117	627	711		
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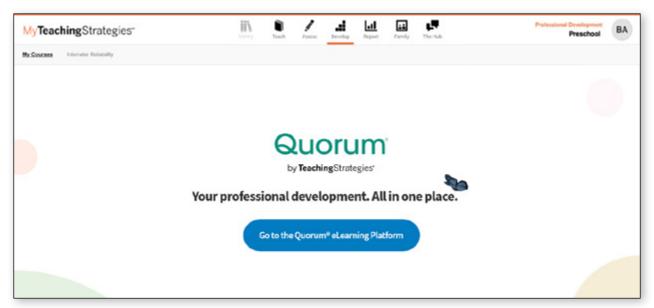
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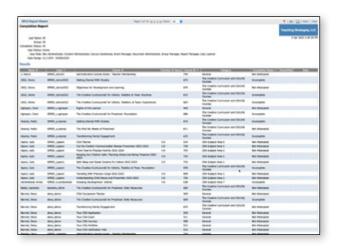
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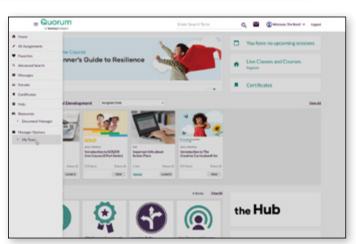
Quorum is an eLearning platform that includes access to free product tutorials and courses on GOLD. To access Quorum, in the Develop area, select Go to the Quorum eLearning Platform.

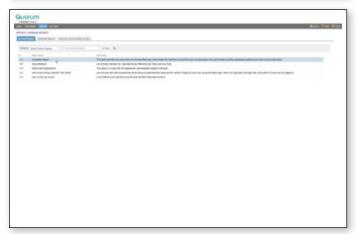


On your Quorum dashboard, select Product Tutorials from the course catalog to access The Power of GOLD, our free, 2-hour introduction to GOLD. You can also choose to complete other courses on GOLD as well.

Administrators have 24/7 access to view teacher rosters and course completion data, download copies of course completion certificates, and run reports through their administrative account in the Professional Development Teacher Membership.







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Interrater Reliability Certification

Interrater reliability is an online certification that gives your teachers the opportunity to evaluate sample child portfolios and compare their ratings with those of Teaching Strategies' expert raters.

It is important for teachers to use GOLD® reliably, both to scaffold children's learning and because you likely use their data in some way for reporting purposes. When teachers use assessment results to inform instructional decisions, accurate ratings enable them to choose effective teaching strategies. When they know they are using an assessment tool reliably, teachers can be confident about their classroom decisions. They know that they are interpreting evidence of children's development and learning in ways that enable them to plan for and respond appropriately to all of the children in their classroom. Interrater Reliability Certification is neither designed nor intended to evaluate your teachers' skills as educators. Its purpose is to support your teachers' ability to make accurate assessment decisions.

GOLD® is an authentic, ongoing, observation-based assessment system that relies heavily on a teacher's judgement as a teacher. The information teachers collect every day by observing children in the context of meaningful experiences makes this instrument robust and effective. After analyzing the evidence teachers have gathered to document each child's knowledge, skills, and abilities, teachers evaluate each child's progress. They identify each child's levels of development and learning at given points in time; track progress over time; and compare the child's knowledge, skills, and abilities with widely held expectations for children of the same age or class/grade. Their evaluations inform the decisions teachers make when planning learning experiences for individual children and for classroom communities as a whole.

The Interrater Reliability Certification Process

Teachers begin the Interrater Reliability Certification process by evaluating sample portfolios. The portfolios include enough

evidence to rate each child's knowledge, skills, and abilities in six areas of development and learning: Social—Emotional, Physical, Cognitive, Language, Literacy, and Mathematics. The certification process populates in the order of the objectives, so Social-Emotional will appear first. Instead, encourage your teachers to start with Mathematics or Physical and complete Social-Emotional last. At least 80 percent of a teacher's Round 1 ratings must agree with the expert ratings in each area of development and learning to earn certification. If not, the teacher may continue with additional rounds until they have reached agreement of at least 80 percent in each area. The number of rounds they may undertake is unlimited.

If teachers have difficulty passing in a particular area of development during the process, the best approach is to advise them to review that area in the Objectives for Development and Learning online professional development course. This will help them gain a deeper understanding and become more familiar with the progressions and indicator language. Also have them spend time observing that particular area in their classroom, and review documentation with a colleague, to build more competence in assessment decisions related to those objectives.

To begin the Interrater Reliability Certification process, teachers can select INTERRATER RELIABILITY from the Develop area sub-navigation. Please reference the GOLD User Guide for Teachers for further instructions.

Certification Testing Agreement

The Interrater Reliability Certification test is to be taken only by the individual named in the Teaching Strategies account. Teachers should neither solicit nor accept any assistance during the testing process. In order to take the test, teachers will be required to certify that 1) they are the individual who is registered to take the test and 2) they are completing the test without assistance from any source.

Once a teacher has completed each component of an interest, they will see a 100% completion for that interest. Once all interests read 100%, they will have completed the course and will receive a certificate. Once earned, Interrater Reliability Certification is valid for three years.



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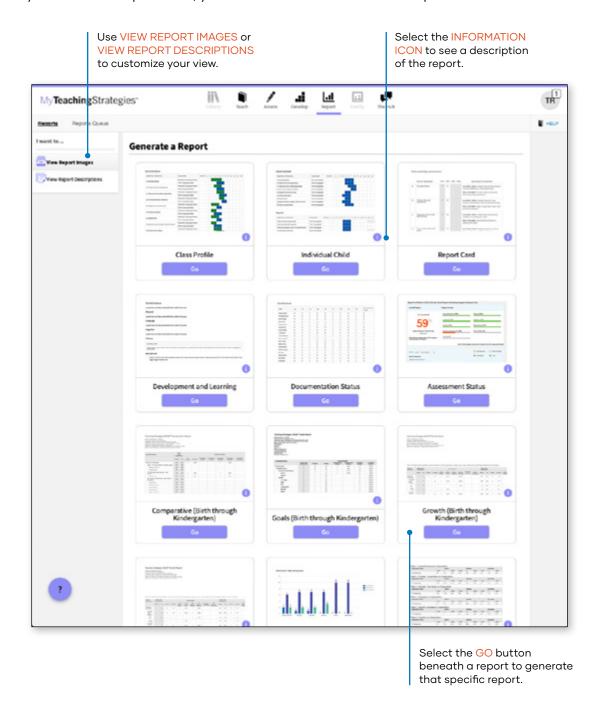
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When you enter the Report area, you'll see a menu of all available reports.



Class Profile Report

The Class Profile Report compares information about the children at the class level with widely held expectations for their age or class/grade during a particular checkpoint period. This report can help teachers in your program inform and support planning for small- and large-group activities, as well as activities for individual children. This report can be viewed along with teachers' lesson plans to show intentional planning for all children in your program.

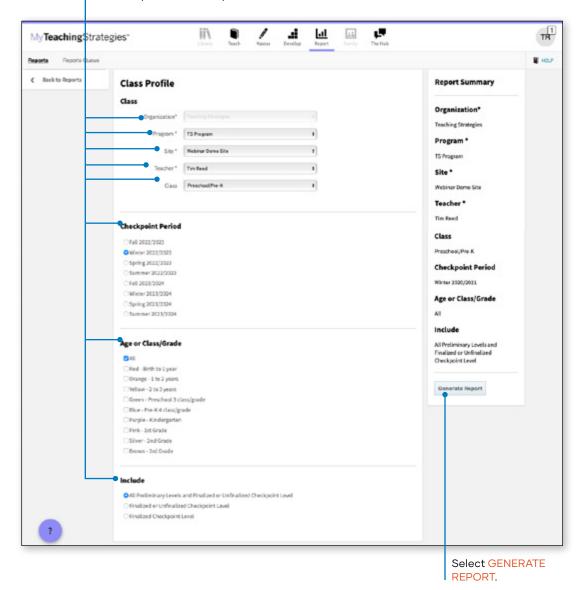
To create a Class Profile Report, access the Report area, and then select GO for the Class Profile Report.

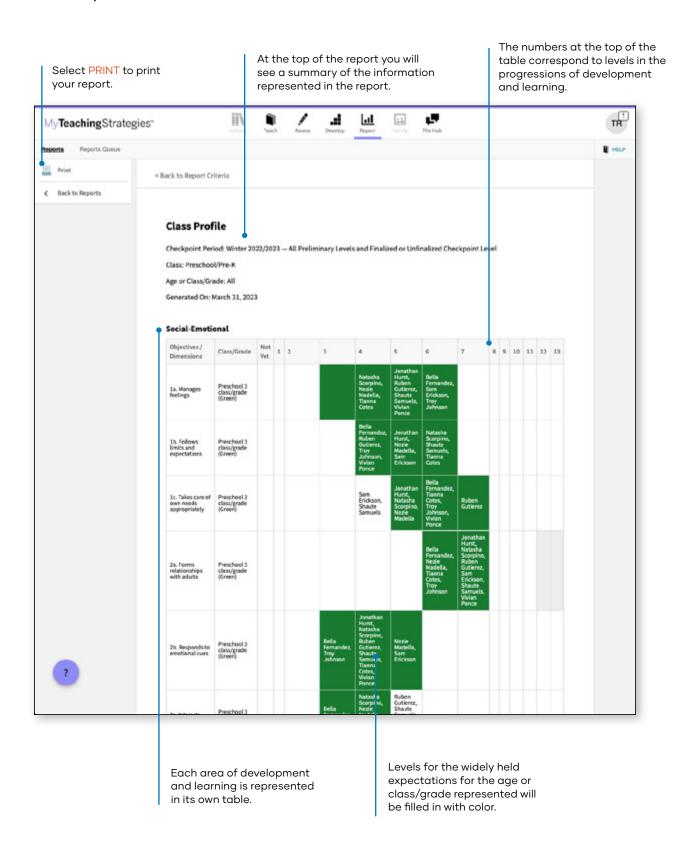
When should I use the Class Profile Report?

This report can be generated on a weekly basis to help teachers plan lessons. It allows you to see at what level groups of children are demonstrating their skills, knowledge, and abilities. This also can assist in planning and scaffolding for small-group activities.

Report Criteria

Customize your report by selecting the appropriate ORGANIZATION, PROGRAM, SITE, TEACHER, CLASS, CHECKPOINT PERIOD, AGE or CLASS, and which levels to include.





Individual Child Report

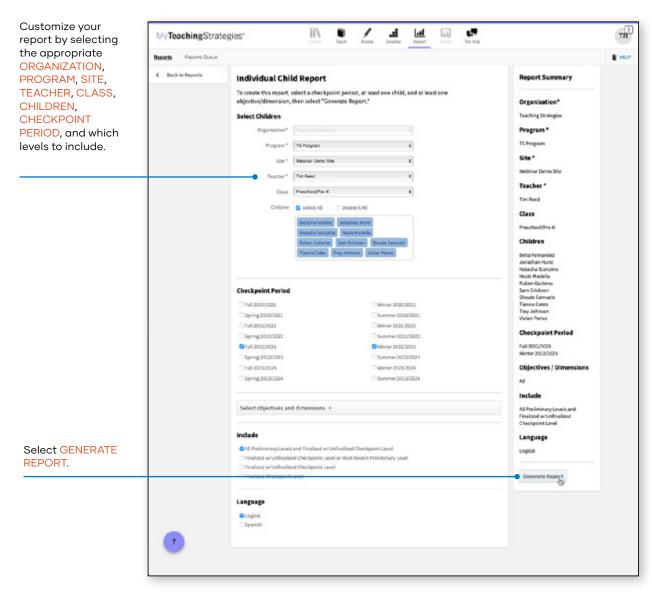
The Individual Child Report summarizes a single child's knowledge, skills, and abilities as compared to the child's age or class/grade-appropriate widely held expectations. This report will inform and support planning for individual children. You should use this report when you need to focus in on one child at a time and/or track each child's development and learning over time. The information about an individual child can also be shared with other stakeholders to discuss and plan for supporting their needs. This report is an especially helpful resource to use for IFSP/IEP planning, as well as for tracking progress across multiple checkpoint periods.

To create an Individual Child Report, access the Report area, and then select GO for the Individual Child Report.

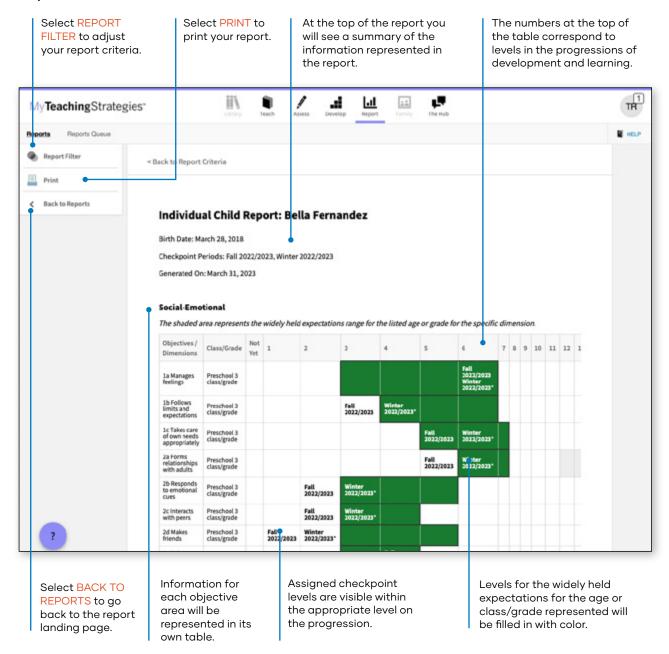
When should I use the **Individual Child Report?**

This report can be generated by teachers on a weekly basis for lesson planning specifically for children who require additional support. This can assist in planning and scaffolding for individual children and can assist as you help teachers with setting goals. This would also be an appropriate report to use when discussing progress that a child has made from one checkpoint period to the next.

Report Criteria



Report Results



Report Card

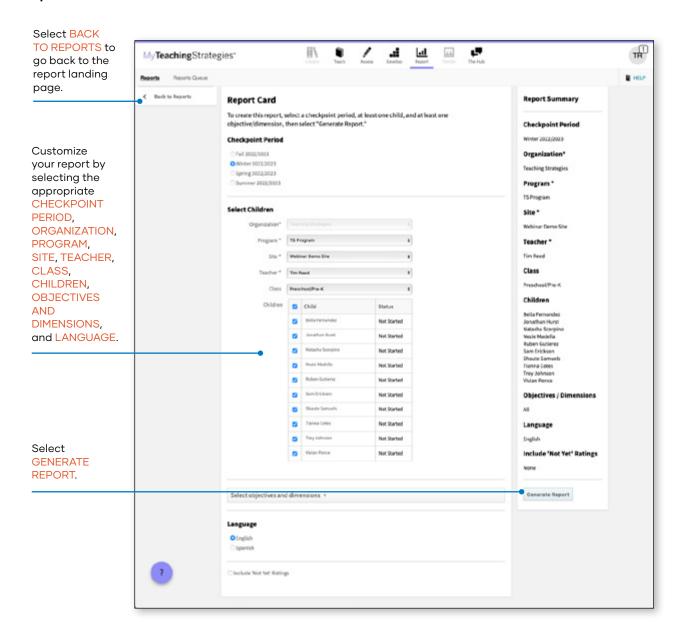
The Report Card provides up-to-date information for families about their child's skills, knowledge, and abilities. This report displays information about the child's current abilities, as well as what next steps can be expected.

To create a Report Card, access the Report area, and then select GO for the Report Card.

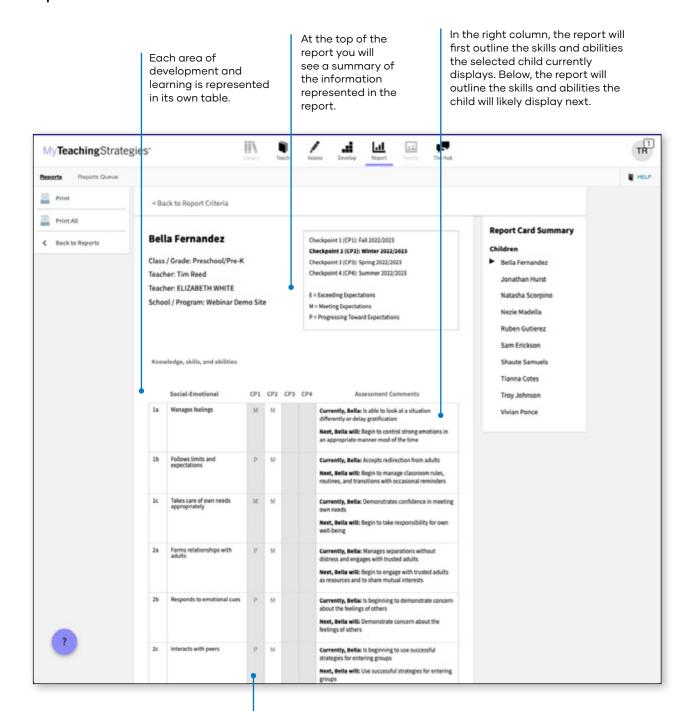
When should I use the Report Card?

The Report Card can be used after each checkpoint period to communicate with family members. The Report Card takes information directly from the checkpoint decisions a teacher has made for each child and organizes the information in a way that a family member can independently understand. This report is most appropriate for kindergarten classes or above.

Report Criteria



Report Results



For each objective/dimension, the Report Card will indicate if the child is Exceeding Expectations (E), Meeting Expectations (M), or Progressing Toward Expectations (P).

Development and Learning Report

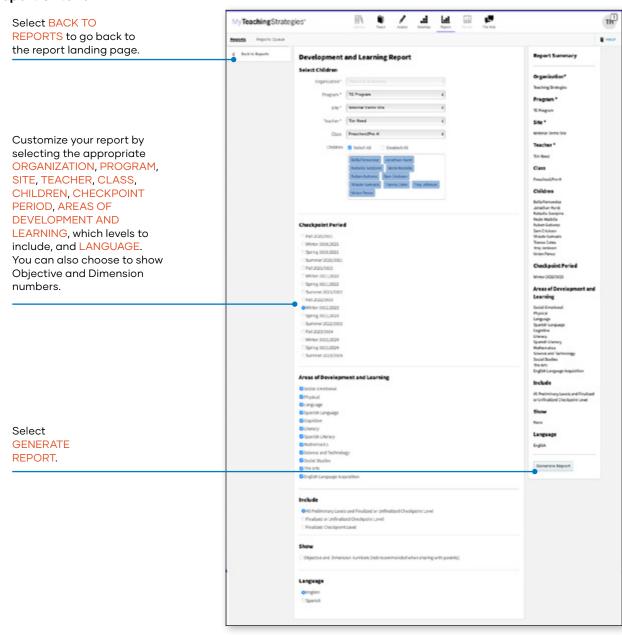
The Development and Learning Report highlights a child's strengths in particular areas of development and learning. Many teachers and administrators use this report to communicate with other stakeholders about a child's development. This allows educators to clearly and concisely discuss the areas in which a child is able to demonstrate his or her abilities and allows a team of educators and family members to make a plan to support the child's continued growth.

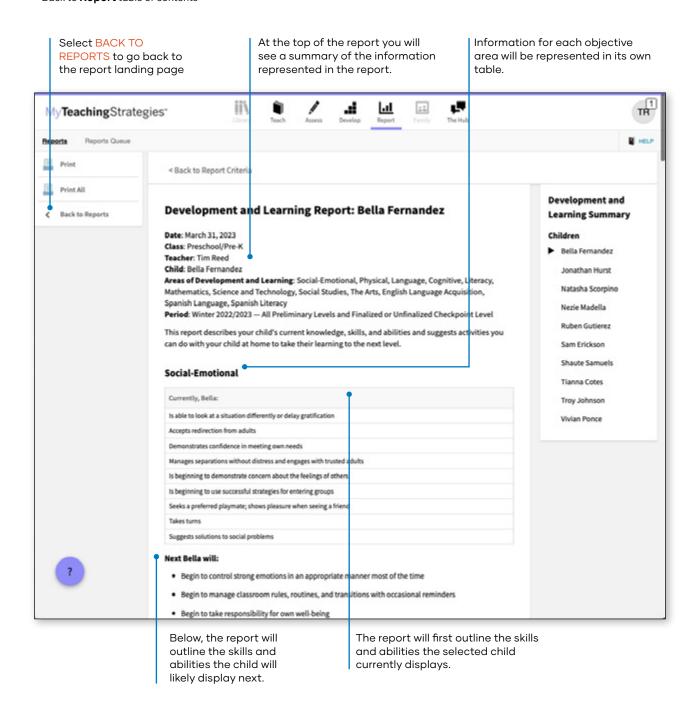
To create a Development and Learning Report, access the Report area, and then select GO for the Development and Learning Report.

When should I use the **Development and Learning** Report?

This report can be generated as soon as your teachers enter preliminary checkpoint information. This is a good report to use to communicate with family members and to include in a child's file at the end of the school year. This report provides a good alternative to the Report Card for younger children.

Report Criteria





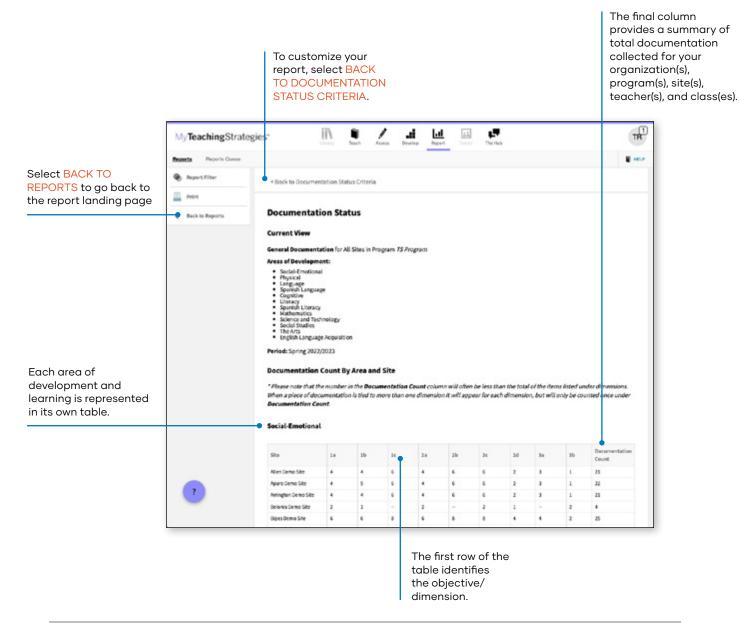
Documentation Status Report

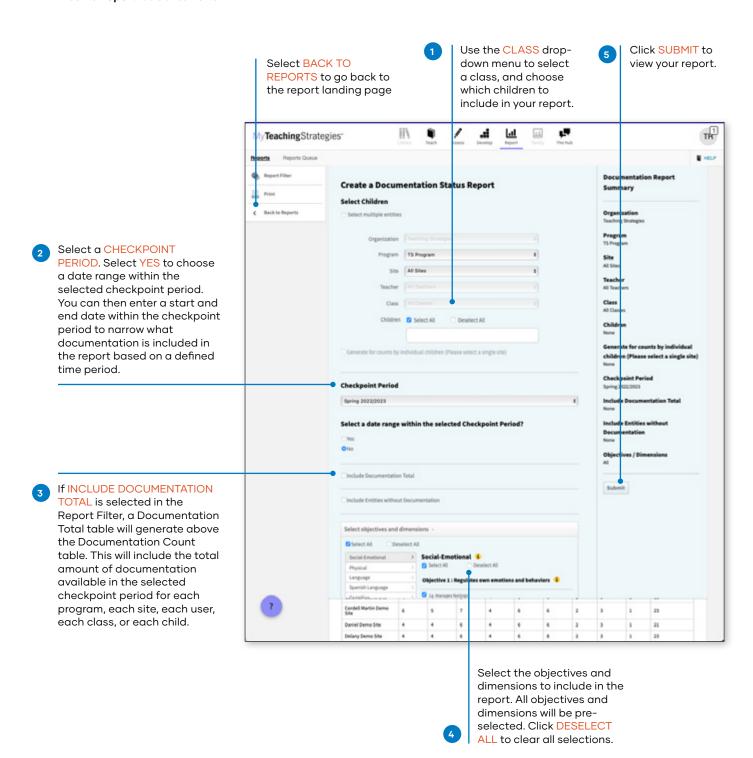
The Documentation Status Report will help you see, at a glance, where teachers may need more information to plan activities and observations. It shows how many times teachers associated the objective/dimension with documentation for individual children. You can also choose to include a breakdown of the total amount of documentation collected for a class or child, or by a particular user. Each listed user, or teacher, will include the primary teacher, any co-teachers, assistant teachers, and any team members.

To create a Documentation Status Report, access the Report area and select GO for the Documentation Status Report. The report will automatically generate for the current checkpoint period for the highest level of your administrative access.

When should I use the **Documentation Status Report?**

This report can be generated on a weekly basis to help you assist teachers in planning for activities and observations. This will help you and your teachers understand who and what has not been observed for specific objectives and dimensions. Encourage your teachers to use this report before they select checkpoint levels to ensure that there is sufficient documentation to make the checkpoint decision.







Assessment Status Report

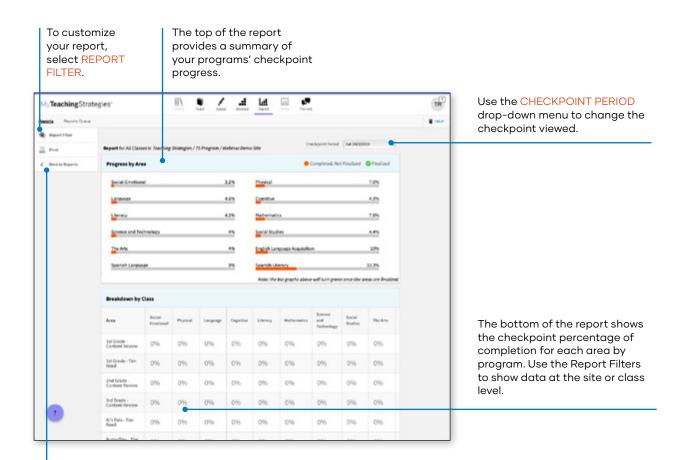
The Assessment Status Report will tell you how far your programs have progressed in completing assessments for this checkpoint. Continue to generate this report throughout the checkpoint period until all status bars are colored green. This report will also show which programs are missing ratings by area.

To create an Assessment Status Report, access the Report area and then select GO for the Assessment Status Report. The report will automatically generate for the current checkpoint period.

When should I use the **Assessment Status Report?**

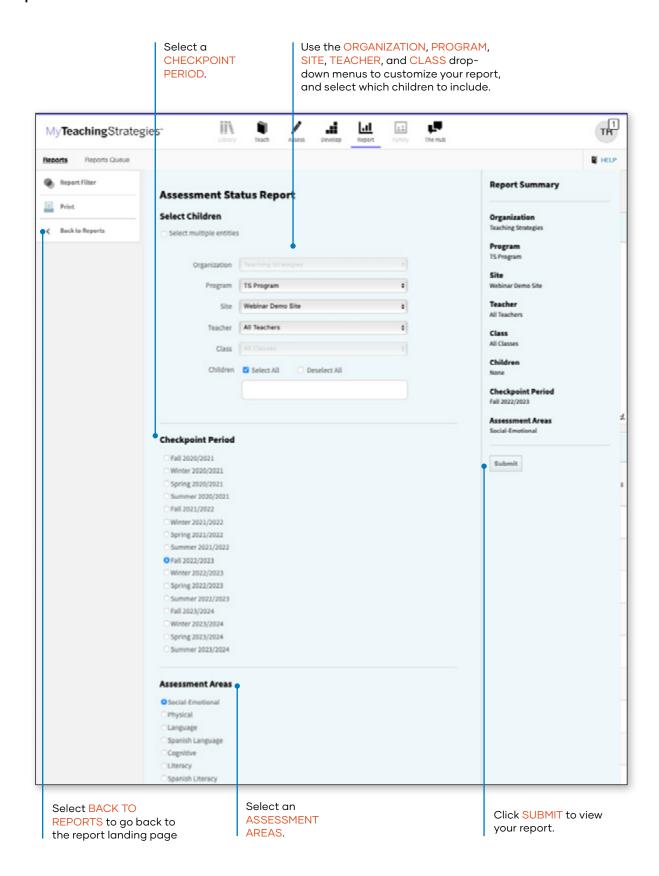
This report should be generated on a regular basis starting two weeks before the checkpoint due date. This will allow you to monitor your programs' progress as they complete the checkpoint. A few days before the checkpoint due date, the report should show 100% finalization for each area.

Report Results

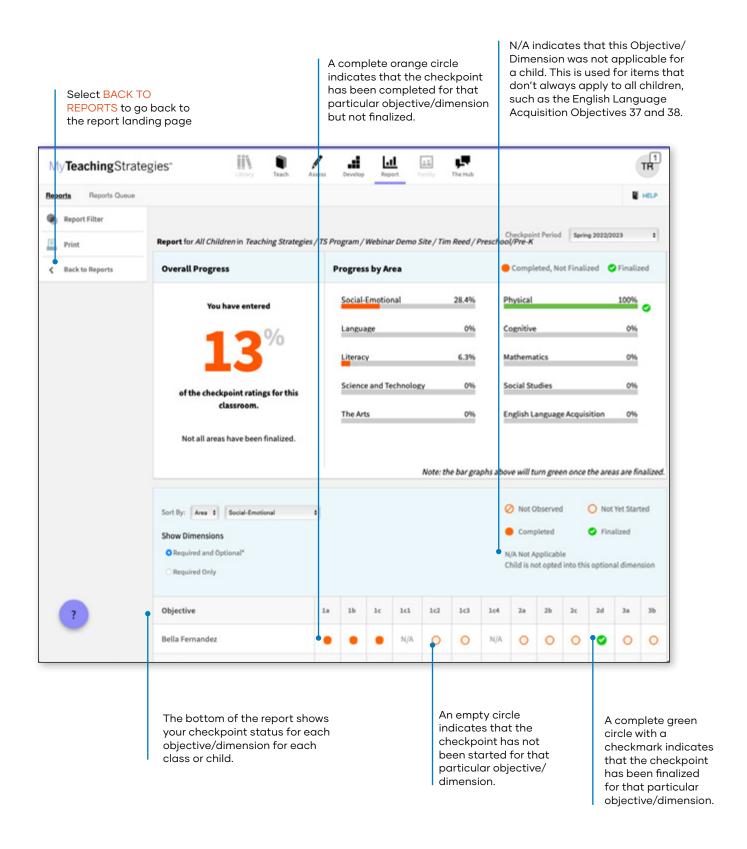


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Report Criteria



You can also review the report by teacher or class, which will provide information on whether checkpoint ratings are not yet started, in progress, completed, or final.

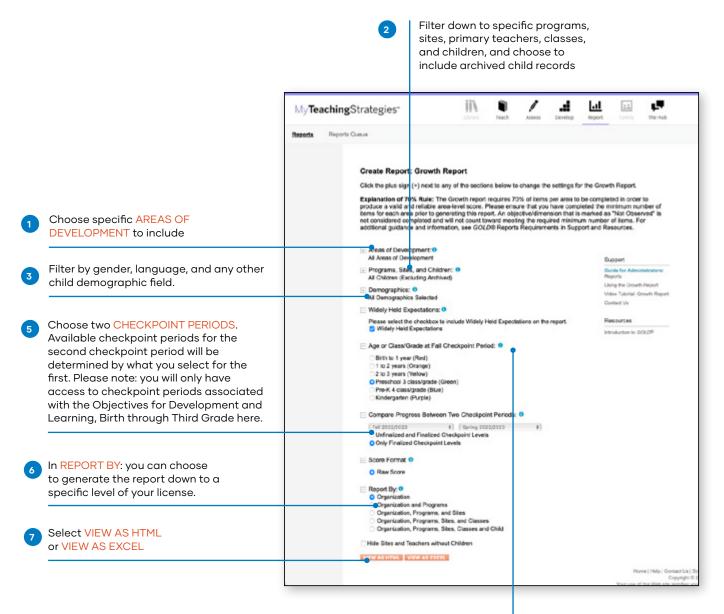


Growth (Birth Through Third Grade) Report

The Growth (Birth through Third Grade) Report shows child outcomes over time. Administrators can use the Growth Report to compare the levels of a child's knowledge, skills, and abilities over the course of the year. Because learning and development vary widely, not all children will demonstrate skills, knowledge, or abilities that fall within a colored band, so it is important to have growth as an additional measure. Growth looks at the movement across the progression of development and learning that should take place over the course of the year. All children may not meet widely held expectations by the end of the school year, but all children should make progress toward their next developmental milestone. Because growth expectations are based on a full year, and not on a checkpoint period, the Growth Report should be used as a measure of growth that took place over the full school year.

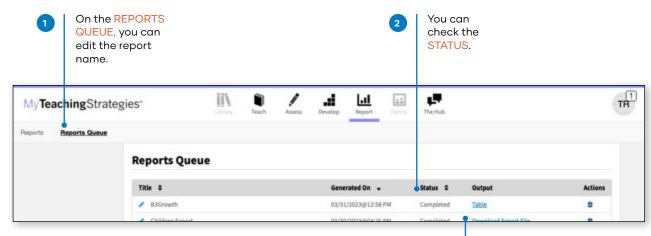
You can choose in which checkpoint periods to include in the Growth Report, but we recommend comparing the fall checkpoint followed by a spring checkpoint.





Select an AGE OR CLASS/GRADE. The report will only include child records whose Age or Class Grade for the selected Fall checkpoint (see below) is what's selected here. At this time, these are the available Ages or Classes/Grades: 1 to 2 years (Orange), 2 to 3 years (Yellow), Preschool 3 class/grade (Green), Pre-K 4 class/grade (Blue), Kindergarten (Purple)



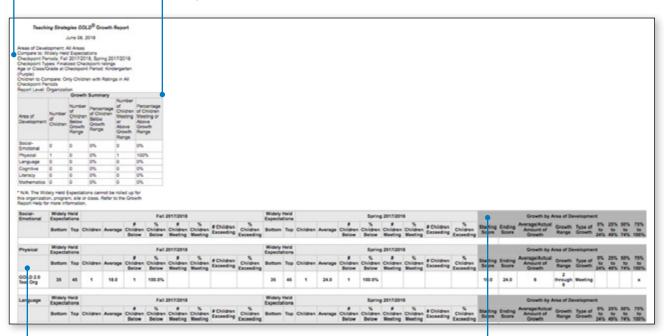


Report Results

A report heading lists the criteria used to generate the report.

The GROWTH SUMMARY shows a summary of the area, children, and growth expectations at the highest license-level selected for the report output.

Once the report has completed generating, the matching output type will appear as a link. Select the DOWNLOAD EXPORT FILE link to access the report.



The report output includes a table for each included area. Each included organization, program, site, user, class, or child is listed down the left side of the table. The selected age or class/grade's widely held expectations will appear for each area. You will also see the number and percentage of children whose skills, knowledge, and abilities were below, meeting, or exceeding widely held expectations.

The GROWTH BY AREA OF **DEVELOPMENT** section shows the amount of average/actual growth between the two selected checkpoint periods, the expected growth range, the type of growth, and the growth quartiles, which show the average/actual amount of growth in comparison to the growth range.

Glossary of Terms

Average/Actual Amount of Growth: At the organization, program, site, and class level, average of the difference between the children's' raw scores from the starting to ending checkpoint period. At the child level, the actual difference between a child's raw score points from the starting to ending checkpoint period.

Ending Score: At the organization, program, site, and class level, roll up of the children's raw score from the ending checkpoint period.

Growth Range: The number of points the child's score is expected to change from the starting fall checkpoint to the ending checkpoint. This range is specific to the age or class/grade at the starting fall checkpoint, and the area of development.

The Growth Range was developed by the Teaching Strategies research team. In order to produce the growth scores, a normative sample specific to growth was created. That sample's growth is what created the growth range.

Quartiles: The average or actual amount of growth in comparison to the growth range.

0% to 24% (First Quartile): The child or group of children ended up below the growth range overall but demonstrated less growth than those in other groups. Score is less than the bottom of the Growth Range.

25% to 49% (Second Quartile): The child or group of children ended up in the growth range overall but demonstrated less growth than those in the 50% to 74% group, or 75% to 100% group. Score is in the bottom of the Growth Range up to just less than the mean of the Growth Range.

50% to 74% (Third Quartile): The child or group of children ended up in the growth range overall but demonstrated less growth than those in the 75% to 100% group. Score is the mean of the Growth Range to just less than the top number of the Growth Range.

75% to 100% (Fourth Quartile): The child or group of children ended up above the growth range overall and demonstrated more growth than those in the other groups. Score is in the top of the Growth Range and greater.

Starting Score: At the organization, program, site, and class level, roll up of the children's raw score from the starting fall checkpoint period.

Type of growth: Determined by the amount of growth in comparison to bottom and top numbers of the Growth Range. If the average or actual amount of growth is below the bottom number in the range, the growth in a child's knowledge, skills and behaviors is not meeting the range of expected growth. If the average or actual amount of growth is within or above the range, the growth in a child's knowledge, skills and behaviors is meeting the range of expected growth.

Snapshot Report

The Snapshot Report displays assessment results at a given point in time. It allows you to see child outcomes data in two ways: by areas of development and learning, and by objective/ dimension. The Snapshot Report is commonly used at the first checkpoint of the year so that administrators can identify the strengths and areas of need that children have upon entering the program. This helps administrators identify professional resources and support that teachers may need based on the unique Snapshot Report for each class.

To create a Snapshot Report, access the Report area, and then select GO for the Snapshot Report.

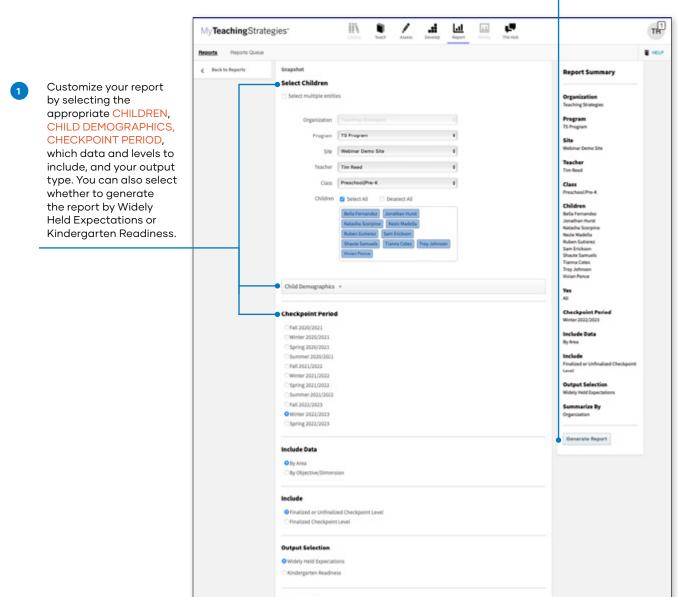
When should I use the **Snapshot Report?**

This report can be used at any time to view child outcomes data by area, objective, and dimension. This is a great report to use when sharing aggregate outcomes information with stakeholders. Administrators can also use this data to inform professional development planning.

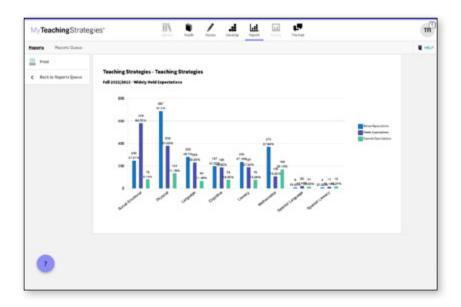
Report Criteria

The Snapshot Report can be viewed in either a table or graph format.

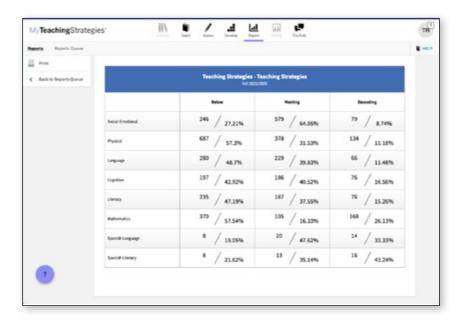




The Graph output displays a bar graph for each organization, program, site, class, or child you choose to include in the report output. The X axis represents the areas of development and learning, or the objectives/dimensions, and the Y axis represents the number of children with data. The color-coded key will show which bar represents the number and percentage of children whose skills, knowledge, and abilities were below, meeting, or exceeding widely held expectations for the selected checkpoint period.



The Table output displays a table for each organization, program, site, class, or child you choose to include in the report output. For each area of development and learning, or for each objective/ dimension, the number and percentage under the Below, Meeting, and Exceeding columns represent the number and percentage of children whose skills, knowledge, and abilities were below, meeting, or exceeding widely held expectations for the selected checkpoint period.



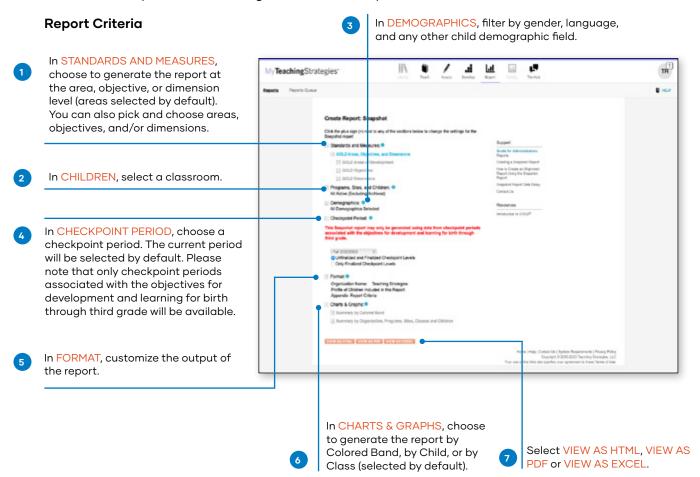
Snapshot (Birth through Third **Grade) Report**

The Snapshot (Birth Through Third Grade) Report, generated only from checkpoint data associated with the objectives for development and learning for birth through third grade, displays a group's assessment results at a given point in time, enabling you to see which children are below, meeting, and exceeding the widely held expectations for each area. The report can be organized by entity, by colored band, and, for teachers, by class. You can view it in HTML, as a PDF, or in Excel.

When should I use the Snapshot (Birth Through Third Grade) Report?

This report is commonly used by teachers to review how their class is performing overall compared to widely held expectations for the relevant age(s) or class(es)/ grade(s).

To create a Snapshot (Birth Through Third Grade) Report, access the Report area, and then select GO for the Snapshot (Birth through Third Grade) Report.







Report Results





If selected as an option, the report output will show a Profile of Children, which will state how many child records had enough data to be included in the report and a breakdown of demographic information.

Each area, objective, or dimension will appear in its own table. The Widely Held Expectations information for each area, objective, or dimension will include the number of children, the percentage of children, and the average score for children whose skills, knowledge, and abilities are below, meeting, or exceeding widely held expectations.

Snapshot by Dimension Report

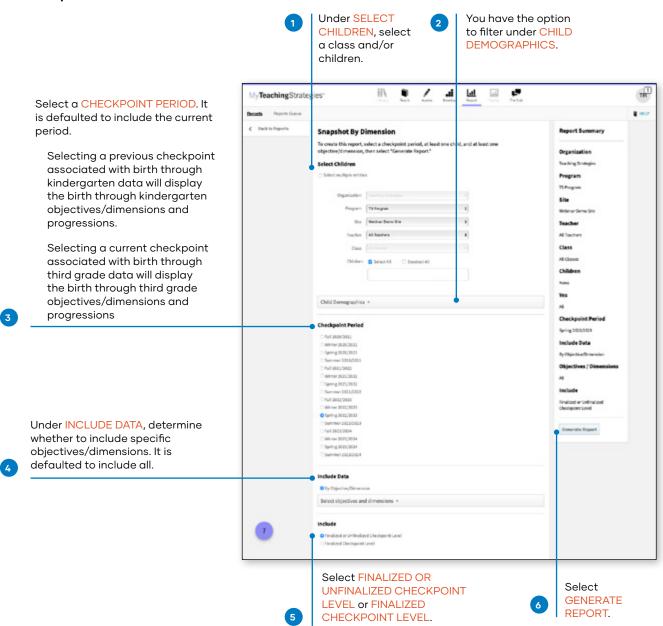
The Snapshot by Dimension Report can be generated by teachers from checkpoint data associated with the objectives for development and learning for either birth through kindergarten or birth through third grade. The report displays the levels of a given objective or dimension, showing the number or percentage of children at levels along the progression.

To create a Snapshot by Dimension Report, access the Report area and select GO for the Snapshot by Dimension Report.

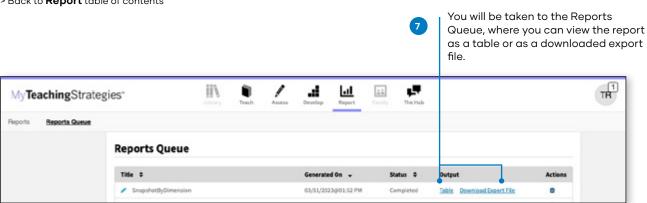
When should I use the Snapshot by Dimension Report?

This report is commonly used by teachers to visually compare their assessment results for their class, through colored bands, representing each age or class/ grade, against widely held expectations.

Report Criteria



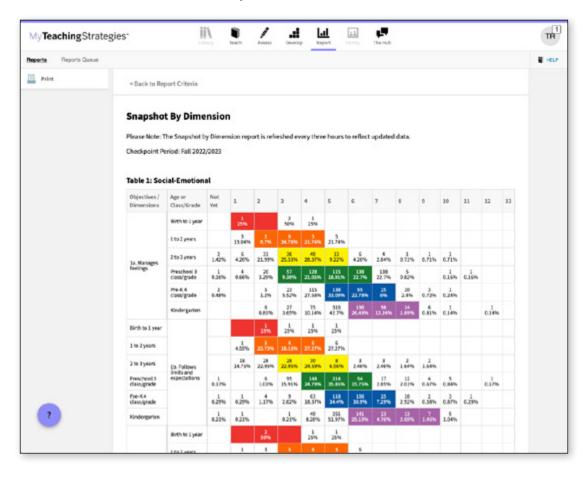




Both report outputs list a table for each included area.

The objectives/dimensions appear listed down the left side of each table, each including a row for any available ages or classes/grades.

Each row will show the number and percentage of children whose skills, knowledge, and abilities were evaluated at each level for each objective/dimension.



Alignment Report

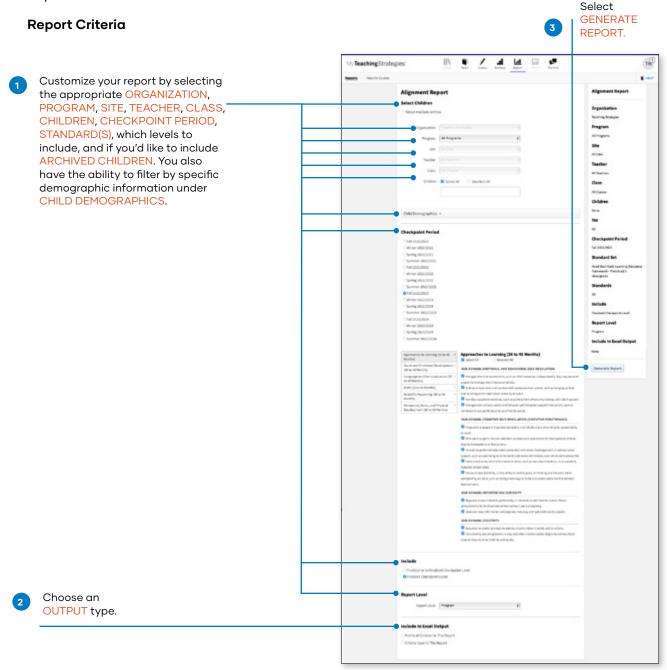
The Alignment Report enables administrators to quickly see how the children in their classrooms are developing in relation to the The Head Start Child Development and Early Learning Framework.

When should I use the **Alignment Report?**

This report can be used all year long to see how your assessment data aligns to other standards and measures your program uses.

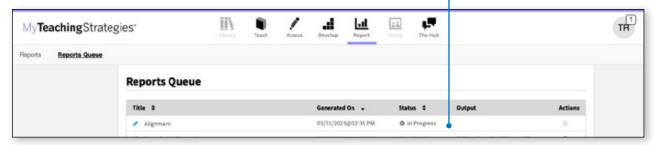
The Alignment Report shows the percentage of children whose knowledge and skills are emerging and the percentage of children who have accomplished Head Start standards.

To create an Alignment report, access the Report area, and then select GO for the Alignment Report.

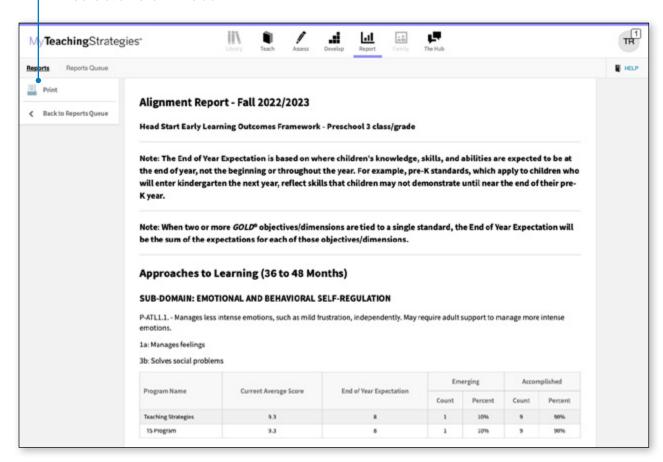




You will be taken to the Reports Queue. Once the report has generated, select the TABLE link. The report will appear in your browser.



Select PRINT in the left-hand navigation to print the report. Select Browser Print for an HTML version, or PDF Generation for a PDF version.



Comparative Report

The Comparative Report, generated from checkpoint data associated with the objectives for development and learning for birth through kindergarten or birth through third grade, enables you to create comparative data by placing your checkpoint ratings for each objective or dimension on a uniform scale.

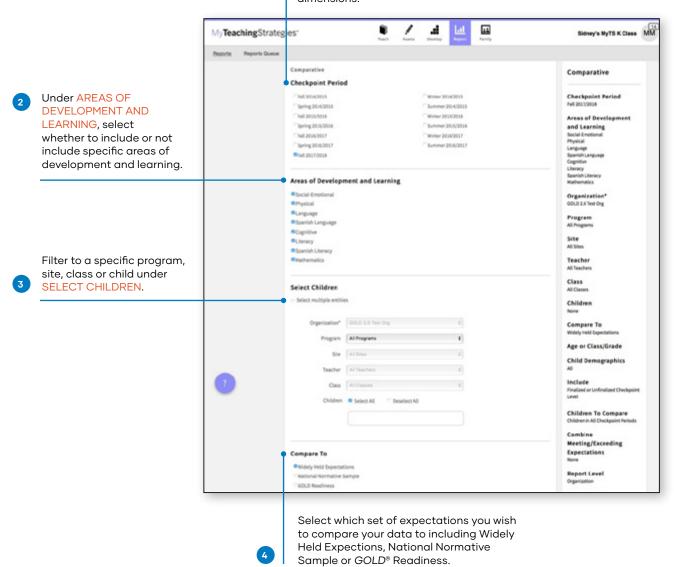
To begin creating your report, access the Report area and select GO for the Comparative Report.

When should I use the **Comparative Report?**

Administrators generate the Comparative Report at the end of any checkpoint period to compare checkpoint data from one or multiple checkpoint periods to Widely Held Expectations, the National Normative Sample, or GOLD® Readiness on a uniform scale.

Report Criteria

Under CHECKPOINT PERIOD, choose one or more desired checkpoint periods. Please note that you can only select checkpoint periods set to the same version of the GOLD® objectives and dimensions.



Widely Held Expectations

Choosing "Widely Held Expectations" enables users to compare data for a group of children to determine if the children's skills, knowledge and abilities are below, meeting, or exceeding widely held expectations. The widely held expectations are research based, encompassing the developmental milestones from birth through third grade.

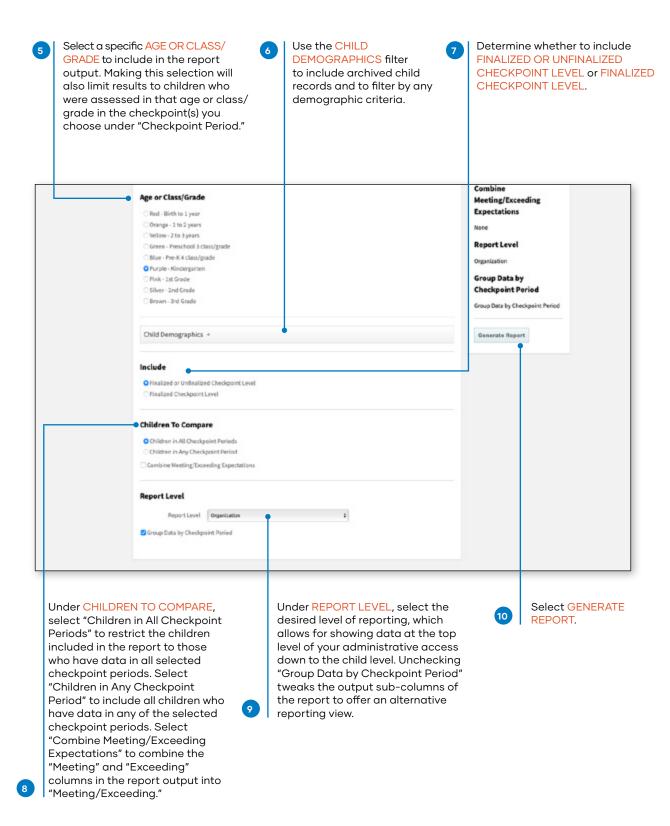
National Normative Sample

Choosing "National Normative Sample" enables users to compare their data to a nationally representative sample. This report output differs from the widely held expectations report output in that the range of scores indicating whether a group of children are below, meeting, or exceeding is comprised of the scores of children who have been assessed by GOLD® as opposed to the widely held expectations or colored band.

GOLD® Readiness

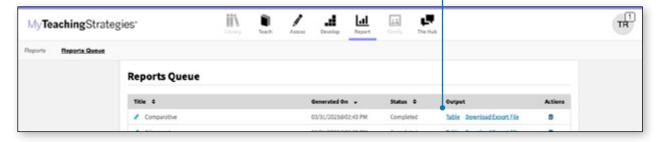
Choosing "GOLD" Readiness" enables users to measure a child's readiness as they move from pre-K towards kindergarten, or as they enter kindergarten. The report output will show a "Readiness Benchmark." The report output also shows data on the children whose skills, knowledge and abilities are emerging (below the benchmark value) and accomplished (at or above the benchmark value).







The report will appear on the Reports Queue. Select TABLE to open the report output.



Report Results

Widely Held Expectations

Each area will appear in its own table.

The Widely Held Expectations range for that area for the selected age or class/grade will appear in the second column.

The number of included children, their average score, and the number and percentage of children whose skills, knowledge, and abilities are below, meeting, or exceeding widely held expectations will appear under each selected checkpoint period.

National Normative Sample

Each area will appear in its own table.

The National Normative Sample range for each selected checkpoint period will appear in the second column.

The number of included children, their average score, and the number and percentage of children whose skills, knowledge, and abilities are below, meeting, or exceeding the National Normative Sample range will appear under each selected checkpoint period.

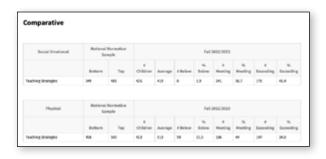
GOLD® Readiness

Each area will appear in its own table.

The number of children included in the report, as well as their average score, will appear alongside the GOLD® Readiness Benchmark for that area.

The number and percentage of children whose skills, knowledge, and abilities are emerging towards or have accomplished the GOLD® Readiness Benchmark will appear under the selected checkpoint period.







Goals Report

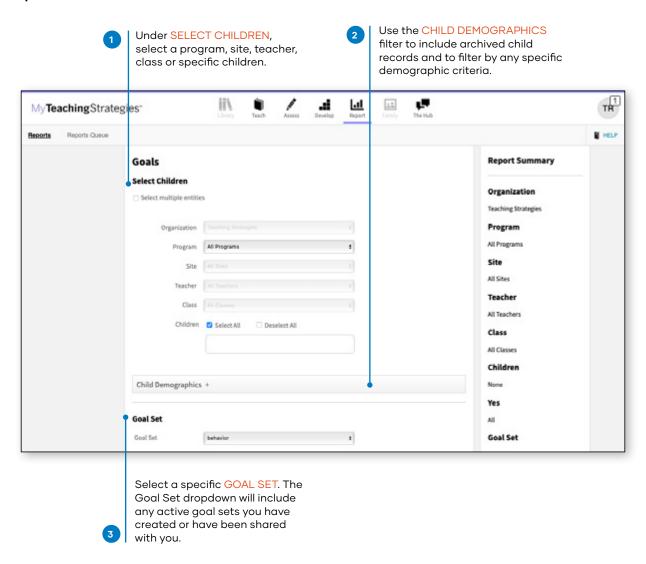
The Goals Report, generated only from checkpoint data associated with the objectives for development and learning for birth through third grade, enables administrators to compare assessment data describing children's knowledge, skills, and abilities with customized benchmark values that reflect a program's defined goals.

To begin creating your report, access the Report area and select GO for the Goals Report.

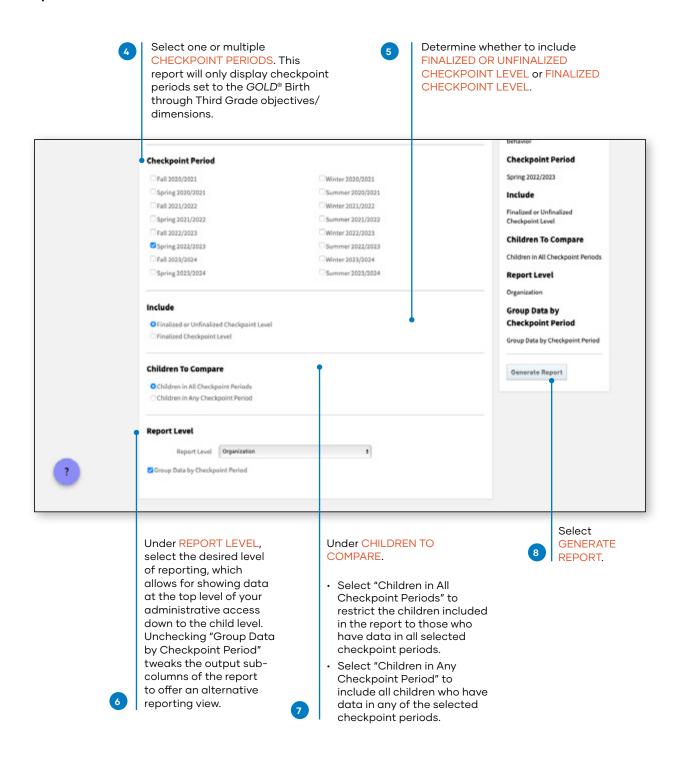
When should I use the **Goals Report?**

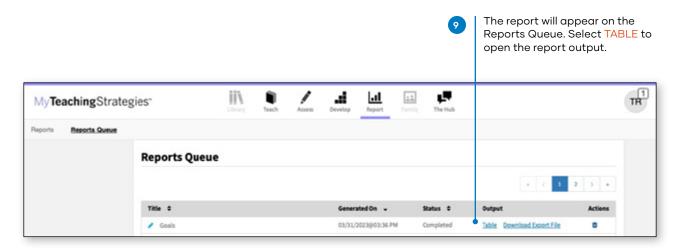
Administrators generate the Goals Report at the end of any checkpoint period to compare checkpoint data from one or multiple checkpoint periods to customized benchmark values that reflect a program's defined goals.

Report Criteria



Report Criteria

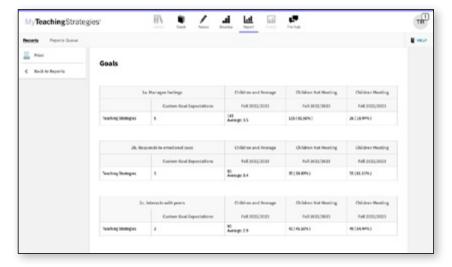




Report Results

The report output includes a table for each objective/ dimension included in the goal set, alongside the custom goal expectation for that goal set.

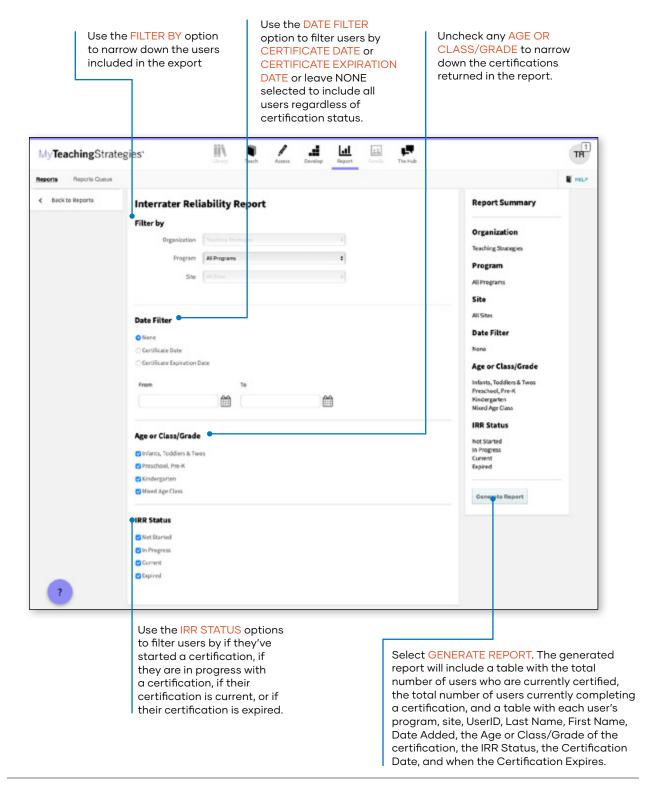
For each included checkpoint period, the report output displays the number of children included, their average score, and the number of children whose skills, knowledge, and abilities were Not Meeting or Meeting the custom goal expectations.



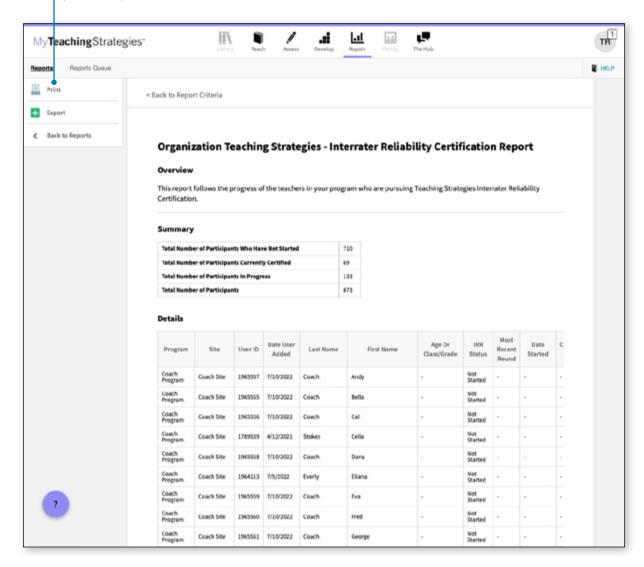
Interrater Reliability Report

Administrators can generate an Interrater Reliability Report to monitor the completion status of staff members undertaking the Interrater Reliability Certification process.

To generate an Interrater Reliability Report navigate to the Report area, and then select GO under Interrater Reliability.



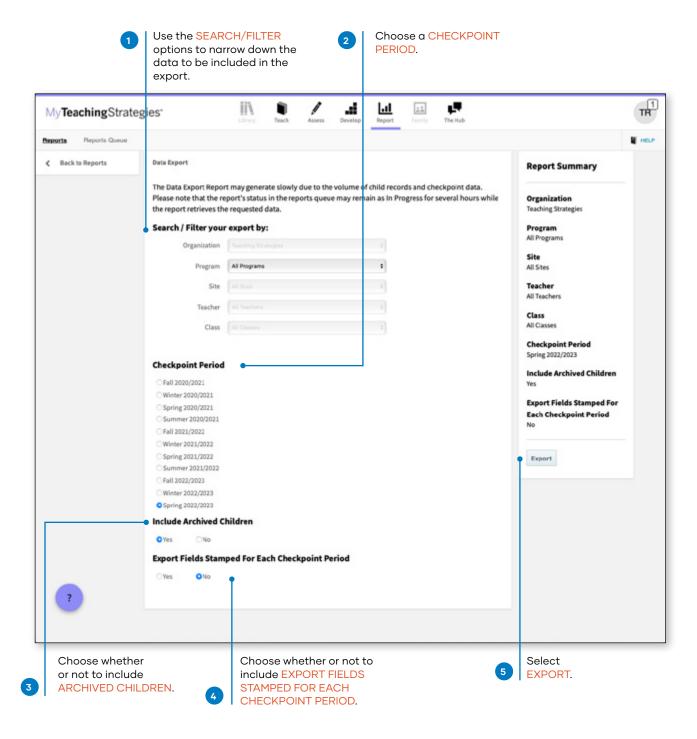
Select PRINT in the left navigation to print the report in HTML or PDF.



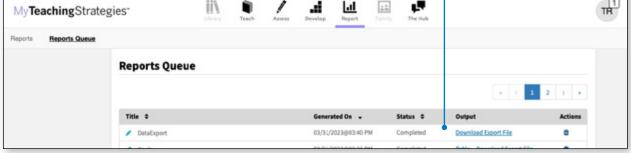
Data Export Report

The Data Export allows administrators to generate an Excel file with all checkpoint data for each child for a single checkpoint period.

To create a Data Export, access the Report area, and then select GO for Data Export.

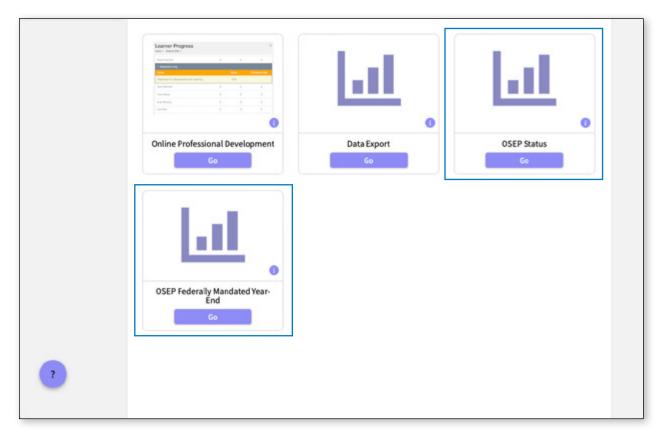






OSEP Reports

Administrators in licenses that subscribe to OSEP have access to the OSEP Status Report and the OSEP Federally Mandated Year-End Report in the Report area.

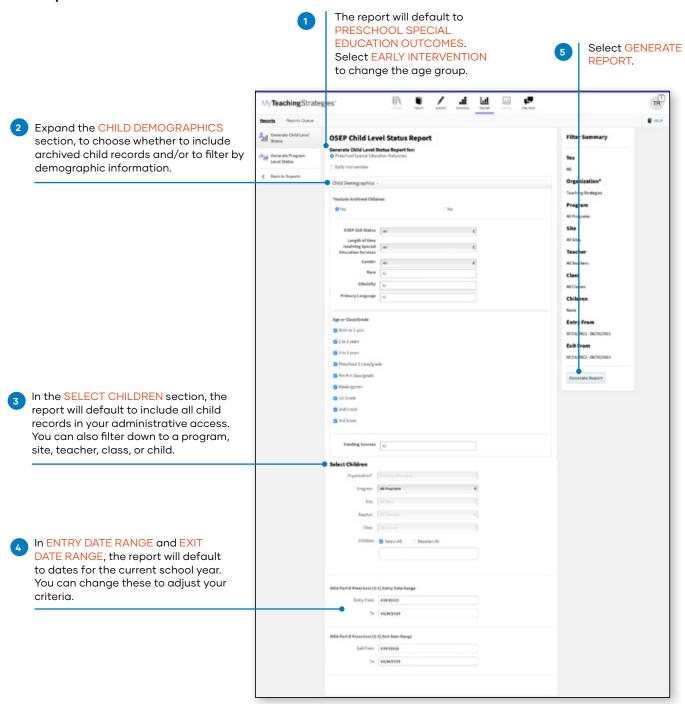


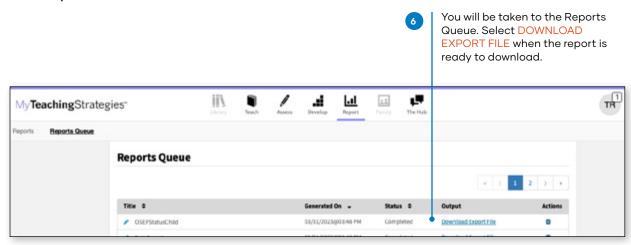
OSEP Status Report

The OSEP Status Report can be used for child-level and program-level reporting for children ages birth to 3 who are served in Early Intervention Programs or children ages 3-5 served in Preschool Special Education Programs. When generated at the child level, this report features user-defined fields that can be exported into an Excel file.

To create an OSEP Status Report, access the Report area, and then select GO for the OSEP Status Report.

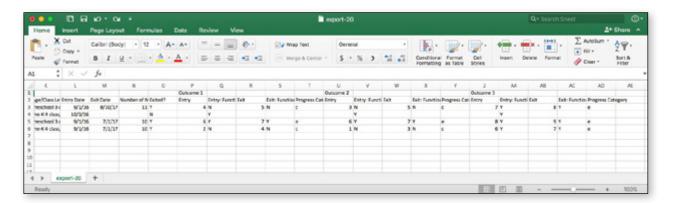
Report Criteria - Child Level





Report Results - Child Level

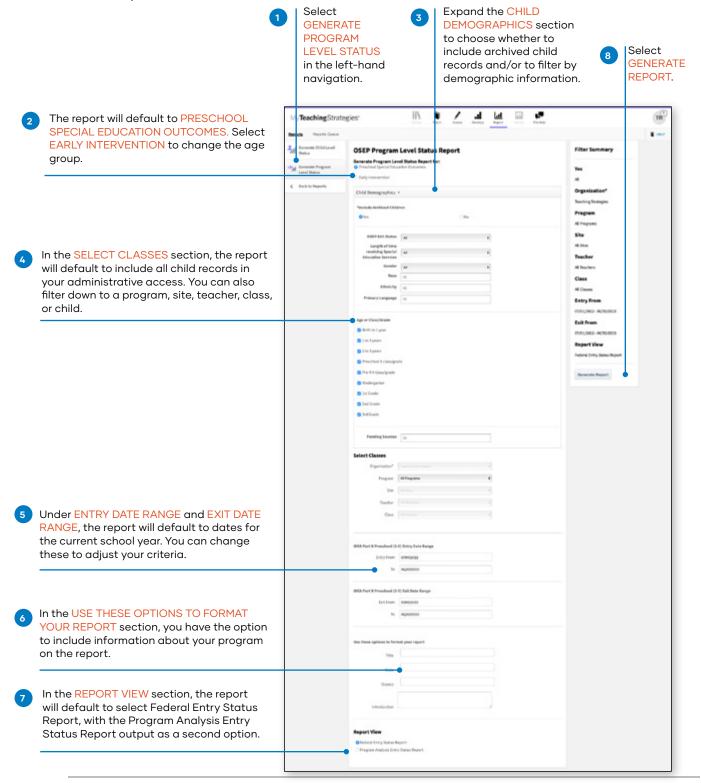
An Excel file will download to your device that will include each child record with an IEP or IFSP (depending on the age group selected) with their exit status, available outcome scores, and other important information.



Report Criteria - Program Level

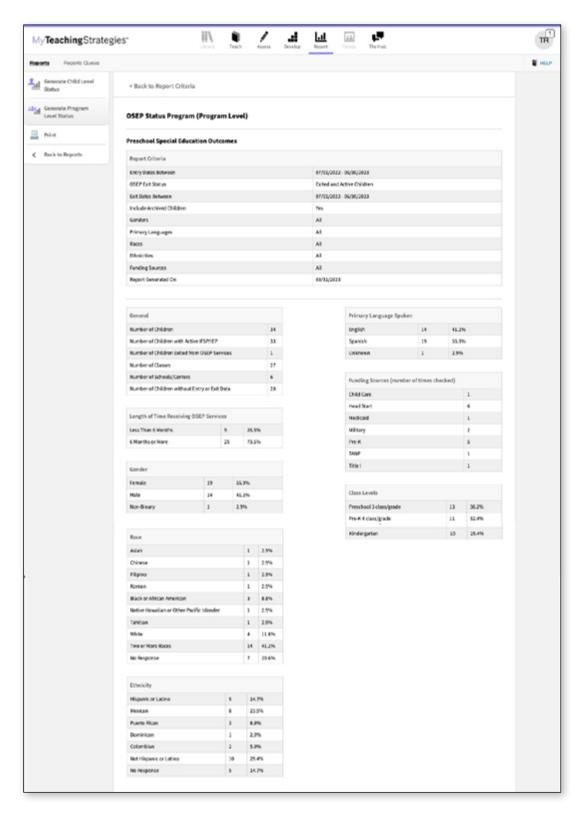
When generated at the program level, the OSEP Status Report will list the number and percentage of children who fall in each of the five outcomes categories for each of the three OSEP outcomes.

To create an OSEP Status Report, access the Report area, and then select GO for the OSEP Status Report.



Report Results - Program Level

The report will generate with a breakdown of the child demographic information included in the report.



Federal Entry Status Report

Summary of Outcomes

The following table summarizes the child outcomes of this group of children.

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	Outo	ome 1	Outo	ome 2	Outo	Outcome 3	
	Entry	Exit	Entry	Exit	Entry	Exit	
Children who are functioning at a level comparable to same-aged peers	4 66.7%	0.0%	4 66.7%	0.0%	50.0%	0.0%	
Children who are functioning at a level below same-aged peers	33.3%	100.0%	33.3%	100.0%	3 50.0%	100.0%	
Totals	6 100%	100%	100%	100%	6 100%	100%	

Support Data

The following table reports the percentage of children who are functionally at a level comparable to same-aged peers across all three outcomes, as well as those who are not functioning at a level comparable to same-aged peers in at least one outcome area. Please note that this table only includes children who had entry data for all three outcomes

Entry: Comparable for all outcomes	3	Entry: Below for at least 1 outcome	Entry: Totals	Exit: Comparable for all 3 outcomes	Exit: Below for at least 1 outcome	Exit: Totals
	3 8.8%	31 91.2%	34 100%	0.0%	1 2.9%	2.9%

The following tables report the percentages of children who are functionally at a level comparable to same-aged peers across all three outcomes, as well as those who are not functioning at a level comparable to same-aged peers in one outcome area, in two outcome areas, and in all three outcome areas. Please note that this table only includes children who had entry data for all three outcomes

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3 8.8%	1 2.9%	0.0%	30 88.2%	34 100%
Exit: Comparable for all 3 outcomes	Exit: Below for 1 outcome	Exit: Below for 2 outcomes	Exit: Below for 3 outcomes	Exit: Totals

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Program Analysis Entry Status Report

Summary of Outcomes

In the following table, the "Comparable" heading signifies children who are functioning at a level comparable to the same-aged peers and the "Below" heading signifies children who are functioning at a level below same-aged peers.

				Outcom	e 1		
Program	Site	Entry: Comparable	Entry: Below	Entry: Totals	Exit: Comparable	Exit: Below	Exit: Totals
Default Program	EcoSite	50.0%	50.0%	100%	25.0%	50.0%	75.0%

				Outcom	e 2		
Program	Site	Entry: Comparable	Entry: Below	Entry: Totals	Exit: Comparable	Exit: Below	Exit: Totals
Default Program	EcoSite	50.0%	50.0%	100%	25.0%	50.0%	75.0%

		Outcome 3									
Program	Site	Entry: Comparable	Entry: Below	Entry: Totals	Exit: Comparable	Exit: Below	Exit: Totals				
Default Program	EcoSite	100.0%	0.0%	100%	3 75.0%	0.0%	75.0%				

Support Data

The following table reports the percentage of children who are functionally at a level comparable to same-aged peers across all three outcomes, as well as those who are not functioning at a level comparable to same-aged peers in at least one outcome area. Please note that this table only includes children who had entry data for all three outcomes

Entry: Comparable for all 3 outcomes	Entry: Below for at least 1 outcome	Entry: Totals	Exit: Comparable for all 3 outcomes	Exit: Below for at least 1 outcome	Exit: Totals
50.0%	50.0%	100%	1 25.0%	50.0%	75.0%

The following tables report the percentages of children who are functionally at a level comparable to same-aged peers across all three outcomes, as well as those who are not functioning at a level comparable to same-aged peers in one outcome area, in two outcome areas, and in all three outcome areas. Please note that this table only includes children who had entry data for all three outcomes

Entry: Comparable for all 3 outcomes	Entry: Below for 1 outcome	Entry: Below for 2 outcomes	Entry: Below for 3 outcomes	Entry: Totals
50.0%	0.096	50.0%	0.0%	100%

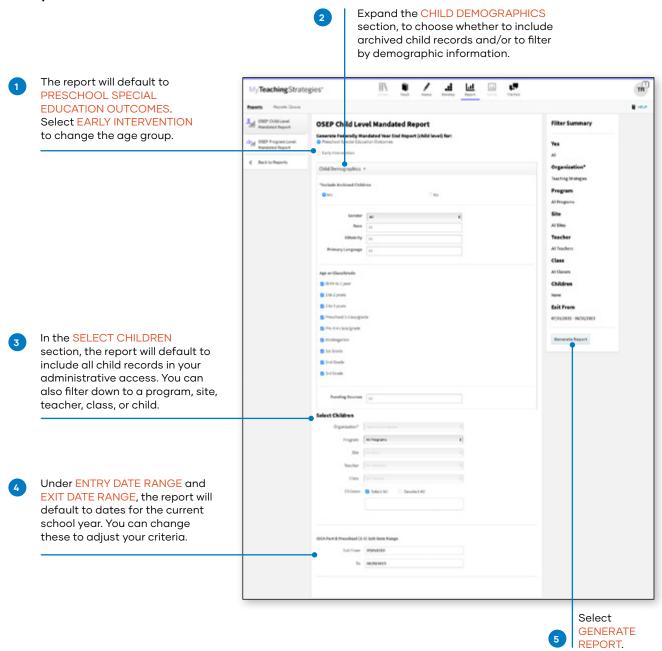
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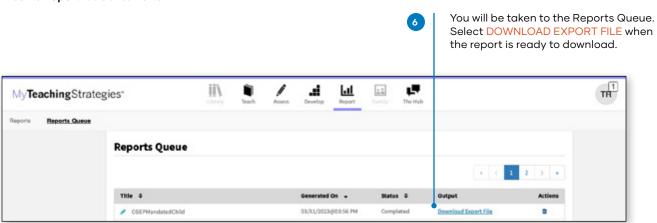
OSEP Federally Mandated Year-End Report

The OSEP Federally Mandated Year-End Report can be used for child-level and program-level reporting for children ages birth to 3 served in Early Intervention Programs or children ages 3-5 served in Preschool Special Education Programs. When generated at the child level, this report will display entry scores, exit scores, and overall progress scores for each of the three OSEP outcomes and the child's category on the ECO Center Child Outcomes Summary Form for each outcome.

To create an OSEP Federally Mandated Year-End Report, access the Report area, and then select GO for the OSEP Federally Mandated Year-End Report.

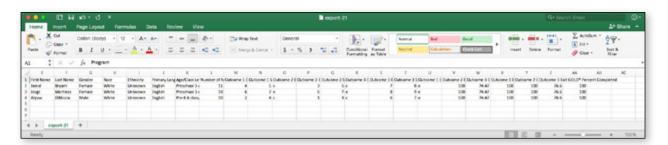
Report Criteria - Child Level





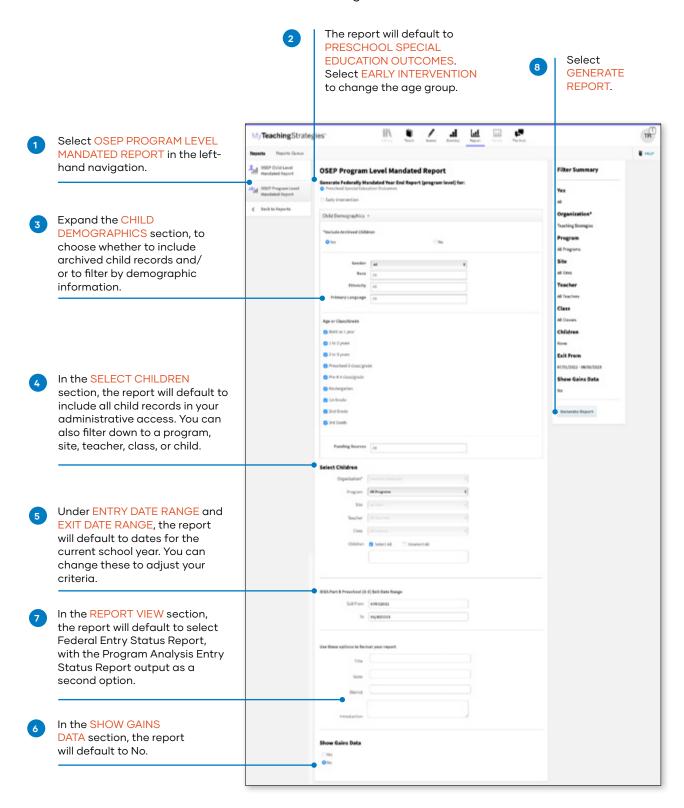
Report Results - Child Level

An Excel file will download to your device that will include each child record with an IEP or IFSP (depending on the age group selected) with their entry scores, exit scores, the overall progress scores for each of the three OSEP outcomes, and the category on the ECO Center Child Outcomes Summary Form for each outcome.



Report Criteria - Program Level

When generated at the program level, the report can include the number and percentage of children who fall in each of the five outcomes categories for each of the three OSEP outcomes.



Report Results - Program Level

The report will generate with a breakdown of the child demographic information included in the report.

Child Outcomes Summary

the following table summarizes the child outcomes of this group of children. Outcome 1: Positive social-emotional skills (including social relationships)		
ECO Recommended Expanded Categories	Number of Children	Percent of Children
a. Children who did not improve functioning	0	0.0%
 b. Children who improved functioning, but not sufficiently to move nearer to functioning comparable to same-aged peers 	0	0.0%
c. Children who improved functioning to a level nearer to same-aged peers but did not reach it	2	66.7%
d. Children who improved functioning to reach a level comparable to same-aged peers	0	0.0%
e. Children who maintained functioning at a level comparable to same-aged peers	1	33.3%
Totals	3	100.0%
Summary Statements		
Of those children who entered the program below age expectations in each Outcome, the percent who substantially incr by the time they exited the program.	eased their rate of growth	100.0%
The percent of children who were functioning within age expectations in each Outcome by the time they exited the prog	ram.	33.3%
Dutcome 2: Acquiring and using knowledge and skills ECO Recommended Expanded Categories	Number of Children	Percent of Children
a. Children who did not improve functioning	0	0.0%
 b. Children who improved functioning, but not sufficiently to move nearer to functioning comparable to same-aged peers 	0	0.0%
c. Children who improved functioning to a level nearer to same-aged peers but did not reach it	2	66.7%
 Children who improved functioning to reach a level comparable to same-aged peers 	0	0.0%
e. Children who maintained functioning at a level comparable to same-aged peers	1	33.3%
Totals	3	100.0%
Summary Statements		
Of those children who entered the program below age expectations in each Outcome, the percent who substantially incr by the time they exited the program.	eased their rate of growth	100.0%
The percent of children who were functioning within age expectations in each Outcome by the time they exited the prog	ram.	33.3%
Outcome 3: Taking appropriate action to meet needs	Number of	Percent of
ECO Recommended Expanded Categories	Children	Children
a. Children who did not improve functioning	0	0.0%
 b. Children who improved functioning, but not sufficiently to move nearer to functioning comparable to same-aged peers 	0	0.0%
c. Children who improved functioning to a level nearer to same-aged peers but did not reach it	0	0.0%
d. Children who improved functioning to reach a level comparable to same-aged peers	0	0.0%
e. Children who maintained functioning at a level comparable to same-aged peers	3	100.0%
Totals	3	100.0%
Summary Statements		
Of those children who entered the program below age expectations in each Outcome, the percent who substantially incr by the time they exited the program.	eased their rate of growth	4 %

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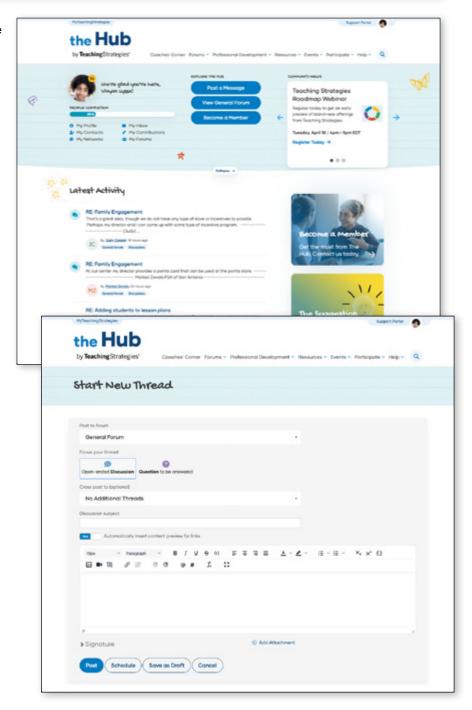
The Hub

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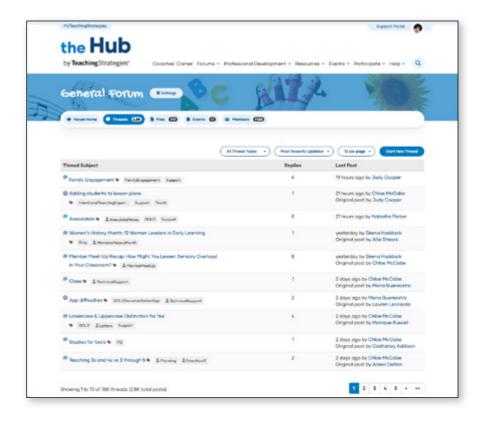


After you accept the Hub Code of Conduct, you will arrive on The Hub home page, where you can access and set up your profile, post a message to the General Forum, and review other discussions currently happening under Latest Activity.

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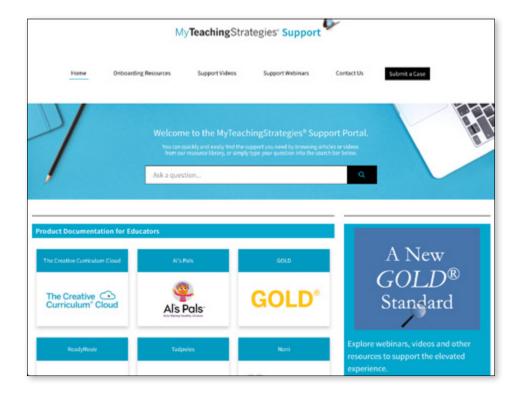


MyTeachingStrategies® **Support Portal**

The MyTeachingStrategies® Support Portal provides users with access to easily searchable support articles and videos and gives users a simple way to contact our technical support team. Select the support and resources icon on the bottom left corner of any screen in MyTeachingStrategies® to access the Support Portal.



Type in any question you have in the search bar to find related support articles that might answer your question. Select the GOLD tile under Product Documentation for Educators to browse all support resources on GOLD, as well as to access the Ready-Set-Go! video library for GOLD. If you need further technical support, select Submit a Case to contact our team.



A GOLD® Glossary

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areas of development and learning

The objectives for development and learning that drive GOLD® (as well as The Creative Curriculum®) are divided into four broad developmental domains (social–emotional, physical, language, and cognitive) and five content areas (literacy, mathematics, science and technology, social studies, and the arts). A sixth area, English language acquisition, pertains to children who are dual-language learners or who are learning English as a second language. These 10 areas are often referred to as areas of development and learning

Assess area

"Assess" is one of the functional areas of *MyTeachingStrategies*®. This is where you can add and view documentation, set preliminary levels, finalize checkpoint ratings, and check on your own progress in documenting children's development and learning throughout each checkpoint period. You can navigate to the Assess area from any page in the platform by selecting its icon (a pencil) in the main navigation. You will see a gold bar across the top of the screen whenever you are in the Assess area.

At a Glance

The At a Glance is a main page within the Assess area of *MyTeachingStrategies*®. Here, you can instantly view and act on information regarding your progress toward gathering all required documentation for a checkpoint period. It is the default view whenever you first navigate to the Assess area.

assessment cycle

Assessment cycle refers to the ongoing cycle of observing and collecting facts; analyzing and responding; evaluating; and summarizing, planning, and communicating to others in order to better support individual children's development and learning.

C

Checkpoint dashboard

The Checkpoint dashboard is a main page within the Assess area of MyTeachingStrategies®. Here, you can view and act on information regarding finalizing checkpoint ratings. You can access the Checkpoint dashboard via the sub-navigation along the top of the Assess area.

checkpoint period

A checkpoint period is a specific amount of time designated for collecting evidence of children's progress. Most programs set three checkpoint periods (fall, winter, and spring), although year-round programs often add a fourth (summer). Each checkpoint period is bound by specific beginning and ending dates. A program may choose its own checkpoint dates, or it may defer to the default dates assigned in GOLD®. A checkpoint period is similar to what programs for older students call a marking period or grading period. The end of the period—when teachers typically determine final ratings based on all of the documentation they have collected, generate reports about each child's progress, and share information with families—is sometimes referred to as simply the "checkpoint." Reports and other conclusions drawn at the end of a checkpoint period constitute summative assessment data.

child assessment portfolio

A child assessment portfolio is a collection of evidence that a child has demonstrated particular skills and abilities related to the objectives for development and learning. Although at one time all child assessment portfolios comprised physical artifacts, most documentation is now stored digitally in GOLD® through the Assess area of MyTeachingStrategies®.

color bands

Color bands (or colored bands) in the progressions of the objectives for development and learning are bars or lines that signify the age or class/grade ranges for widely held expectations.

The Creative Curriculum®

The Creative Curriculum® is a widely used, comprehensive, and research-based early childhood curriculum. Editions are available for infants, toddlers, and twos programs; preschool programs; kindergarten programs; and family childcare settings. The curriculum includes both knowledge-building foundation volumes and engaging Daily Resources, such as Intentional Teaching Experiences and Mighty Minutes®. The GOLD® assessment system emerged from early use of The Creative Curriculum®. The two continue to inform and support each other and are based on the same set of objectives for development and learning.

D

Dimensions

Dimensions are specific aspects or subskills of an objective. See also: objectives for development and learning.

documentation

Documentation/evidence of learning can be an anecdotal record or other note, photo, video, audio recording, or work sample that a teacher collects during the normal course of children's actions and interactions. Families may also choose to provide documentation of their children's learning.

Note that these two terms—documentation and evidence—are often used interchangeably.

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examples

Examples (in a progression) are different ways that children may show what they know and can do. All indicators in the progressions of development and learning include examples. See also: progression.

F

finalized checkpoint levels

Finalized levels are final checkpoint ratings. These levels are what teachers commit to when deciding where children's knowledge, skills, and abilities are for a checkpoint period. Teachers may finalize levels at any point during a checkpoint period, but, since children are continuously demonstrating new skills and abilities, most teachers find it makes the most sense to wait until the last few weeks of the checkpoint period to begin selecting unfinalized and then finalized levels. See also: preliminary levels, unfinalized levels.

formative assessment

Formative assessment in the early childhood classroom is the process of collecting, reviewing, and responding to a child's demonstrated skills and abilities and could just as easily be called informative assessment, since that's exactly what it does—it informs a teacher's understanding of a child's current abilities to help individualize future learning experiences that gently challenge a child without frustrating him. Formative assessment can (and should) happen frequently, repeatedly, and at a variety of times and places so that teachers are consistently aware of what each child knows and can do. See also: summative assessment.

G

Guided Learning Experiences/Guided Learning Plans

Guided Learning Experiences are family-facing versions of Intentional Teaching Experiences. These provide short, engaging activities that families can use with children at home, using only materials generally found in the home of a young child. Teachers may either print copies to send home or share them digitally. See also: Intentional Teaching Experiences.

Guided Learning Plans comprise a carefully curated selection of learning experiences for families to use at home. Each set of Guided Learning Plans aligns with an investigation from a specific study in *The Creative Curriculum*®. Teachers may share them with families from the Family area of *MyTeachingStrategies*®.

Н

Home Language Survey

To help you determine which children in your class are English-language learners/dual-language learners, we recommend using a combination of teacher observation, teacher judgment, and a home-language survey that you complete with family input.

The Home Language Survey determines whether the GOLD English language objectives* will be included in a child's record in MyTeachingStrategies®. As you add children to your class in MyTeachingStrategies® (through the "Manage Children" action within your profile), you will see the survey.

*Objective 37, "Demonstrates progress in listening to and understanding English"

*Objective 38, "Demonstrates progress in speaking English"

You can find a printed copy of the Home Language Survey in the volume *Objectives for Development & Learning: Birth Through Third Grade* or download a copy here by clicking on the Resources tab in the upper-left corner. Both versions may be reproduced for use with families. We suggest completing the online version within *MyTeachingStrategies®*, however, so that the system knows whether to enable the objectives for English language acquisition for a child.

Indicators

Indicators are the knowledge, skills, and abilities that children demonstrate at each evennumbered level of a developmental progression.

Intentional Teaching Experiences

Intentional Teaching Experiences describe playful, engaging activities that can be implemented throughout the day. They support social—emotional, physical, and language development as well as content learning in literacy and mathematics. They are typically offered during small–group time, but many are also appropriate for large–group, outdoor, and one-on-one experiences. Intentional Teaching Experiences include a Teaching Sequence that suggests simple variations on the main activity to help teachers individualize instruction. When teachers set preliminary ratings for documentation within the same area as an Intentional Teaching Experience, the data automatically informs the Teaching Sequence.

L

levels (even-numbered)

The rating scale used in the progressions of development and learning uses numbers called levels. Each articulated milestone along the progression is assigned an even-numbered level. See also: levels (odd-numbered).

levels (odd-numbered)

The rating scale used in the progressions of development and learning uses levels. Odd-numbered levels, which do not align to indicators of their own, allow for more steps in the progression. Odd-numbered levels are used to represent those times when a child's skills are emerging from one even-numbered level to those in the next even-numbered level. Odd-numbered levels are often called "in-between levels" since they signify the time in between a child demonstrating skills indicated at one even-numbered level and the next even-numbered level. In-between levels can also be used to indicate those skills that a child demonstrates inconsistently or only with adult assistance. See also: levels (even-numbered).

М

Mighty Minutes®

Mighty Minutes® are short rhymes, games, songs, chants, and movement activities that you can use to turn even the smallest in-between times to opportunities for reinforcing skills. These activities, which are included in the Daily Resources of *The Creative Curriculum®*, may be used with one child or multiple children.

Ν

Not Observed

There may be times when you rate a child's skills as "Not Observed." Note that use of this rating requires a unique circumstance, such as excessive absences or recent enrollment in your program.

Not Yet

Some color bands begin in the Not Yet level of the progression to show that a skill is not a reasonable expectation for a child at that age/grade. For example, it is "not yet" an expectation that a child will be able to write using conventions (Objective 19c, "Writes using conventions") until she is in kindergarten. Therefore, the progression for this dimension shows the red, orange, yellow, green, and blue color bands as "Not Yet" expectations for the children those color bands represent. "Not Yet" may also sometimes apply to a child with certain developmental delays.

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objectives for development and learning

The objectives for development and learning are statements of widely held expectations for children's knowledge, skills, and abilities. The 38 objectives for development and learning that drive both GOLD® and *The Creative Curriculum®* are those most closely aligned with success at school.

Objectives for Development & Learning: Birth Through Third Grade

If you see Objectives for Development & Learning: Birth Through Third Grade written in this way (italicized; with uppercase O, D, and L; using the ampersand symbol [&]; and followed by the phrase "Birth Through Third Grade"), it is a reference to the foundation volume by that name. This publication includes detailed information about all objectives and dimensions as well as strategies for supporting the development of each.

On-the-Spot

The On-the-Spot Observation Recording Tool is a checklist that enables you to collect information quickly, either for one child or a group of children. It is designed to streamline the overall process of recording information about certain physical development, literacy, and mathematics objectives. At progress checkpoints, refer to both the On-the-Spot Observational Recording Tool and other documentation before making your final ratings. You can find the On-the-Spot tool in the sub-navigation near the top of your screen in the Assess area of *MyTeachingStrategies*®.

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preliminary levels

Preliminary levels are ratings teachers assign to individual pieces of documentation. These levels allow teachers to create data throughout a checkpoint period to inform their final checkpoint decisions and to continuously inform their instruction.

When setting a preliminary level, you may find it helps to focus first on the indicator in the progression that aligns with the child's age-group or class/grade level. Then, determine if that indicator seems appropriate or if you need to explore a level to the left or right of your starting point. Choose the indicator that most closely matches the skills and abilities demonstrated by the child. See also: unfinalized levels and finalized levels.

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progressions

Progressions of development and learning (often simply referred to as "progressions") define the paths that children typically follow when acquiring a skill or ability. The objectives for development and learning include 60 research-based progressions that help you understand a child's current levels of development and learning and scaffold future learning. Progressions address objectives/dimensions in six of the ten areas of development and learning: socialemotional, physical, language, and cognitive development and literacy and mathematics learning.

Note that when an objective has dimensions, there is no progression provided for the overall objective—instead, there are progressions for its component dimensions. For example, you will find three progressions related to Objective 1, "Regulates own emotions and behaviors," since it comprises three dimensions known as Objectives 1a, 1b, and 1c. However, Objective 4, "Demonstrates traveling skills," has no dimensions, and therefore has only one progression. See also: objectives for development and learning.

R

roll-up

Data is said to "roll up" when individual pieces of data are combined into a larger data set. On the Assess area's At a Glance, data from each objective/dimension is "rolled up" into area-level data. For example, the multiple pieces of documentation you have entered for Objectives 1, 2, and 3 will display as a single piece of information for the Social-Emotional Area.

S

summative assessment

Summative assessment occurs when a teacher reviews documentation, draws conclusions about each child's development and learning, and summarizes findings at the end of a specified instructional period. Often in summative assessment, a child's performance is compared against a standard or benchmark to see if a child has acquired knowledge, skills, and abilities that are typical for children her age. Summative assessment is also used to evaluate the effectiveness of a particular curriculum or instructional practices. See also: formative assessment.

Т

Teach area

The Teach area is the area of the *MyTeachingStrategies*® digital platform where you can create and store your daily and weekly plans. You can access it by selecting the "Teach" icon from the main navigation on any page of *MyTeachingStrategies*®.

U

unfinalized levels

Unfinalized levels are checkpoint ratings that teachers select based on the preliminary levels they set for documentation, but they are not yet finalized in GOLD®. These levels can be viewed as "in-progress" checkpoint ratings until they are finalized. See also: preliminary levels and finalized levels.

W

widely held expectations

The progressions of development and learning outline research-based widely held expectations for children from birth through third grade. The widely held expectations for each age-group and grade level are represented by color bands that facilitate your quick understanding of them for each progression. Knowing the widely held expectations for the children in your class will help you intentionally scaffold each child's development and learning.

We hope that you found this GOLD User Guide to be useful and informative. If you have further questions or require additional support, Teaching Strategies offers technical and implementation support through its call center.

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