

Fresno Unified School District
Board Communication

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From the Office of the Superintendent
To the Members of the Board of Education
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Regarding: Early Learning Developmental Screeners

The purpose of this communication is to provide the Board information regarding Developmental Screeners for all children in the Early learning programs.

Each school year, FUSD Early Learning reaches more than 3,100 children from infants to Preschool alone. Preschool is often the first formal setting many of the children in our community will experience before entering Transitional Kindergarten or Kindergarten. Our Early Learning Mission states we are *committed to ensuring all children have an equitable start for college, career, and life readiness*. We are faced with a tremendous opportunity to support our youngest learners by providing developmental screeners to each child enrolled in an Early Learning Program. Screening children early highlights their developmental progress and, in some cases, the areas of potential developmental concern. Both provide windows of opportunity to support the children who are developmentally on track, while also responding to the children of concern.

In 2018/19 there were a total of 1,107 children with a completed developmental screener. Only the classrooms participating in the Quality Rating Improvement System implemented the Ages & Stages Questionnaire (ASQ-3) and an Ages & Stage Questionnaire: Social Emotional (ASQ:SE-2) developmental screener.

Beginning with the 2019/20 school year, all classrooms, regardless of participation in the Quality Rating Improvement System, will provide to parents an Ages & Stages Questionnaire (ASQ-3) and an Ages & Stages Questionnaire: Social Emotional (ASQ:SE-2) developmental screener, reaching 3,085 enrolled children. The information gathered from the developmental screeners will be compiled in the ASQ Online system. The ASQ online system will be linked to a referral system platform to ensure the tracking and care coordination for children and families.

In Spring 2020 developmental screeners data results will be available. If you have further questions or require additional information, please contact Lindsay Sanders at (559) 457-3471 or Deanna Mathies at (559) 457-3687.

Approved by Superintendent
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