



Understanding the DRDP A Family Guide

You may hear your child's teacher talk about the Desired Results Developmental Profile, often called the DRDP. This guide explains what it is, why it's used, and how you play an important role in the process.

Teachers complete the DRDP twice a year while observing children's learning and interactions during play, group activities, daily routines, and time with peers, whether at home, in childcare, or in preschool. These observations are used to complete the items on the DRDP. In addition to these observations, teachers might ask parents to share what they see their child doing.

You know your child best and are welcome to share what you notice at home at any time. Your observations, stories, photos, or questions help teachers better understand your child's skills and growth across settings.

The Desired Results Developmental Profile is...

- an assessment tool teachers and service providers use to learn about how children grow and learn over time.
- *not* a test; teachers learn about children by watching what they do every day—during play, routines, and interactions.
- used in California Department of Education (CDE)–funded programs for children from birth through age 5, including infants and toddlers with Individualized Family Service Plans (IFSPs) and eligible children with Individualized Education Programs (IEPs), including those enrolled in Transitional Kindergarten (TK) or Kindergarten.



You can participate in the DRDP assessment in several ways:

- Tell your child's teacher about the skills you see your child use every day.
- Talk with your child's teacher about your child's strengths and areas you want to focus on.
- At parent conferences, IFSP, IEP, or other meetings, ask any questions you might have about the DRDP results.
- Talk with your child's teacher about what to expect for your child's development.
- Make sure that your child's teacher knows about the accommodations your child uses every day.

Families, teachers, and the California Department of Education all benefit from the DRDP:

- When your child's teacher shares the DRDP results, you will learn more about the progress your child is making and ways you can support your child's learning.
- Your child's teachers will have up-to-date reports to help plan learning activities.
- The California Department of Education can understand how well children are progressing in its programs and can help ensure those programs are high quality.



Learn more about the DRDP

If your child is in a CDE Early Care and Education Program:

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If your child has an IFSP or an IEP:

Website: draccess.org

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